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Ready to talk

Monica Lewinsky arrives at US Federal Court in Washington yesterday to testify before the grand jury looking into her alleged after with President Bill Clinton. Story, Page 6. (AP)

Central bank slashes interest rates by 1.5%

Treasury adopts 4% inflation goal for 1999

By DAVID HARRIS

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday announced an unexpected 1.5 percent cut to the key lending rate, taking it down to 9.5%, its lowest level since November 1993.

The change will take effect on Sunday. Several commercial banks announced last night they would follow suit.

Frenkel made the decision after Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman informed both him and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that the 1999 inflation target will be 4%. Neeman also told them that there will be a technical change to the shekel's exchange rate mechanism in light of falling inflation in recent months.

Treasury to increase domestic spending, Page 2

Minutes after details of these decisions were published, the Treasury announced its macroeconomic forecasts for the remainder of this year and 1999. On Monday, the cabinet is to hold the first of four meetings on next year's state budget. These talks and the budget proposals are to be based on the Treasury's forecasts.

According to the predictions, unemployment will average 9-9.5% both this year and next. Economic growth will slow to 1.5% this year, its lowest level this decade, but will rise to 2.5% next year. In the longer term, unemployment will average some 8.1-8.6% in 2000 and 2001, while growth will climb to 3.5-4%.

The decisions on the monetary front were taken after two weeks of daily secret meetings, principally between Frenkel and Neeman, but also with the prime minister's participation, according to a Netanyahu aide.

This year's inflation target was set at 7-10% and prices actually will have risen by some 4.5% by the year's end. But Treasury Director General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb said no such gap will appear in 1999.

"The target is 4%, and make no mistakes. We don't want inflation lower than this and certainly not higher," he said.

The decision to fix a specific target, rather than a band, was seen by government officials yesterday as a blow to Frenkel, who has consistently called for an ongoing reduction in inflation to reach the government's multi-year goal of Western-level inflation and price stability by 2001.

Frenkel last night denied being dealt a blow and disputed that the decision to cut interest rates by 1.5% brings an end to the central bank's tight rein on monetary policy.

"Today's decisions significantly changed the parameters of the capital and monetary markets," he said. "These decisions support monetary policy in attempting to reduce inflation."

However, Frenkel warned ministers that during the coming weeks, the future of the Israeli economy depends on them. "The budget should reflect the real fight against unemployment. The budget deficit must not breach 2% [of the gross domestic product target of the government]."

He urged increases in spending on infrastructure, research and development and professional training. "These are things that will aid the economy on a permanent basis," Frenkel said.

Only Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky was highly critical of the package, saying the Treasury has again set a goal for inflation and is making this its key priority "over and above economic growth."

Symptomatic treatment

ANALYSIS

By AMOTZ ASA-EL

Ever since the Bank of Israel's emancipation 13 years ago, its ever-impartial monetary policy – whether tight or loose – was repeatedly attacked by a host of strange bedfellows, from populist politicians and greedy importers to low-brow unionists and well-tailored industrialists.

The common denominator among all these protagonists was – and remains – a quest for a cheap currency, i.e., a shekel which would be lent at low interest rates and sold for a higher dollar price.

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US vows to keep pressure on Iraq

UN: Baghdad behavior 'totally unacceptable'

By LAURENCE MCQUILLAN

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – The White House vowed yesterday to "keep the pressure on" Iraq to end its defiance of UN arms inspectors and insisted President Bill Clinton's unfolding problems with a sex scandal will not weaken US resolve.

The Security Council yesterday called Baghdad's decision to halt its cooperation with UN weapons inspectors "totally unacceptable."

A statement read to reporters by council president Danilo Turk of Slovenia called for an early resumption of dialogue between Baghdad and the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) in charge of disarming Iraq.

There was no indication of any further immediate council action, as members waited to see how Baghdad would respond.

The latest round of tensions in the cat-and-mouse game between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the Security Council flared on Wednesday, when Iraq abruptly announced it was suspending cooperation with UNSCOM.

Baghdad insists the commission be "reformed" to eliminate an American influence it blames for prolonging the disarmament process and sanctions.

At the White House, spokesman P.J. Crowley said Iraq's "noncompliance is completely unacceptable ... We will not allow Iraq access to resources necessary to restart their weapons of mass destruction program. We will continue to keep the pressure on until Iraq complies fully with their obligations," Crowley told reporters.

State Department spokesman James Foley echoed the US resolve, saying Saddam "has never succeeded in escaping the containment that we've successfully maintained and that is not going to change in the current circumstances either."

Some diplomats and analysts have speculated that the timing of Saddam's latest actions may be linked in part to the problems Clinton faces at home in a probe of his relationship with ex-White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

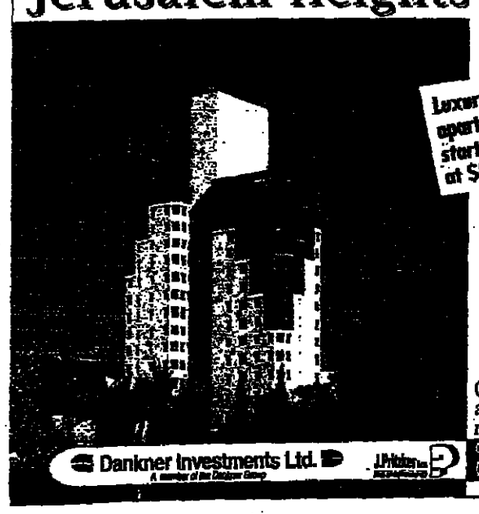
Lewinsky testified yesterday before a federal grand jury examining whether Clinton lied under oath about having a sexual relationship with her and then tried to pressure her into lying. Clinton, who has adamantly denied the allegations, testifies on August 17.

Some speculate that Saddam might be calculating that Clinton's embroilment in the Lewinsky scandal may weaken his resolve or his political authority to use military force in the Gulf.

White House spokesman Crowley denied that the Lewinsky matter has any impact in shaping US policy decisions.

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NEWS

in brief

Curfew lifted from four villages

Israel Radio reported last night that the IDF has lifted a curfew clamped on four Palestinian villages after the ambush in which Harel Bin-Nun and Shlomo Liebman were killed Tuesday night, but is maintaining restrictions on two other villages in the Nablus area.

The IDF arrested 13 Palestinians in two separate raids in the West Bank. In the Jalazoun refugee camp north of El Bireh, the IDF captured eight suspected members of the Islamic Jihad. In the village of Walaja, northwest of Bethlehem, another five suspected Jihad militants were arrested.

The suspects were accused of being part of a network that hurled firebombs and stones at Israeli patrols, Palestinian sources said. *Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib*

IDF shells zone following Hizbullah barrage

Hizbullah fired rockets near the Lebanese-Israeli border yesterday, and Israeli forces in turned shelled southern Lebanon. A 110-year-old Lebanese man was wounded.

Abdel Hassan Boushar was cut slightly in the face by broken glass after an Israeli shell crashed near his house in Kfar Tibnit, a village just outside the security zone, Lebanese officials said.

Earlier yesterday, Hizbullah fired about 12 Katyusha rockets and mortar shells at three Israeli-held outposts near the border a Hizbullah official said. No casualties were reported.

According to Itim, the mortar fire was on IDF positions in the western sector of Karkum and a nearby outpost. Some shells fell very close to the border fence and the echoes of the explosions could be heard in western Galilee. *News agencies*

Romanian PM gets dental implants

Romanian Prime Minister Radu Vasile underwent dental implant surgery yesterday at Sheba Hospital.

Vasile's four-day official visit here ended on Wednesday, but because he was able to schedule the surgery this week, he has extended his stay by several days.

He was reported in good condition and is scheduled to be released from the hospital today. *Itim*

Tunisia rebuffs Israel's new representative

Tunisia has refused to issue a visa to Israel's incoming envoy, a spokesman for the foreign ministry, Efi Ben Matityahu, said yesterday.

He said the ministry had instructed the current Israeli envoy, Shalom Cohen, to remain in Tunis. He was to have left his post as head of a low-level representative office this month.

"It is a political statement," Ben Matityahu said, adding that Tunisia's refusal was in accordance with a call by a forum of Moslem states last month to reconsider ties with Israel over what they called Israel's failure to meet its peace commitments with the Palestinians. *Reuters*

Swimming banned at Acre due to toxic spill

The Health Ministry yesterday banned swimming off Acre's beaches until further notice, due to a leak of ethylene dichloride from a ship being unloaded on Wednesday. Since the spill, some 15 tons of the poisonous substance have been recovered from the sea bed up to 1,200 meters from shore by divers hired by the Electrochemical Industries plant, which ordered the chemical. *Itim*

Winning numbers

In yesterday's weekly Payis Hazak drawing, ticket number 844509 won NIS 1.5 million, while ticket number 528379 won the car.

Tickets 055165, 846795, 836947, 570156, 312214, 289388, 651949 and 131069 won NIS 5,000.

Tickets ending in 07348, 95687, 47788, 32166, 36878, 99879, 80108, 60619, 53198, 75604, 41336, 42206, 87492, 26638, 00206, 87156, 32694, 09462, and 91881 won NIS 1,000.

Tickets ending in 590, 279, 401, and 874 won NIS 100. Tickets ending in 61, 11, 40 and 21 won NIS 30.

Tickets ending in 69 and 08 won NIS 20. Tickets ending in 0 and 5 won NIS 10.

2 quit PA cabinet over corruption

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

In one of the most serious acts of defiance since establishment of the Palestinian Authority, cabinet ministers Hanan Ashrawi and Abdul Jawad Salah resigned yesterday to protest a reshuffling of posts that seemed to diminish their authority without firing members accused of corruption and mismanagement.

In Wednesday's cabinet reshuffle, Ashrawi was transferred from the Higher Education Ministry to the Tourism and Antiquities Ministry. Salah, who was agriculture minister, was made a minister without portfolio.

"I will continue to serve and work as a [legislative] council member, but not as a member of this government," Ashrawi said in a news conference in Ramallah.

"I believe that comprehensive reform was not addressed in this new government formulation. Being part of this new formation in my opinion will not achieve anything."

Ashrawi pointed out that her election to the Palestinian Legislative Council in 1996 was based on a platform of democracy, human rights and reform. She said she is still committed to those principles.

"The one reason, the one way in which we can face the problems and the ongoing crisis in the peace process [with Israel] is by building real, accountable political institutions," she said. "Unfortunately, this has not happened."

Ashrawi, who held several hours of talks with Arafat before the news conference, stressed that she did not intend to head on a collision course with the PA chairman.

"The president understands my reasons [for not joining the cabinet]," she said.

For his part, Salah was more explicit and said the cabinet reshuffle legitimizes the graft and corruption of ministers.

"This move institutionalized corruption and the school of corruption in the heart of the Palestinian political system and has really accelerated the frustration of the Palestinian people," he said.

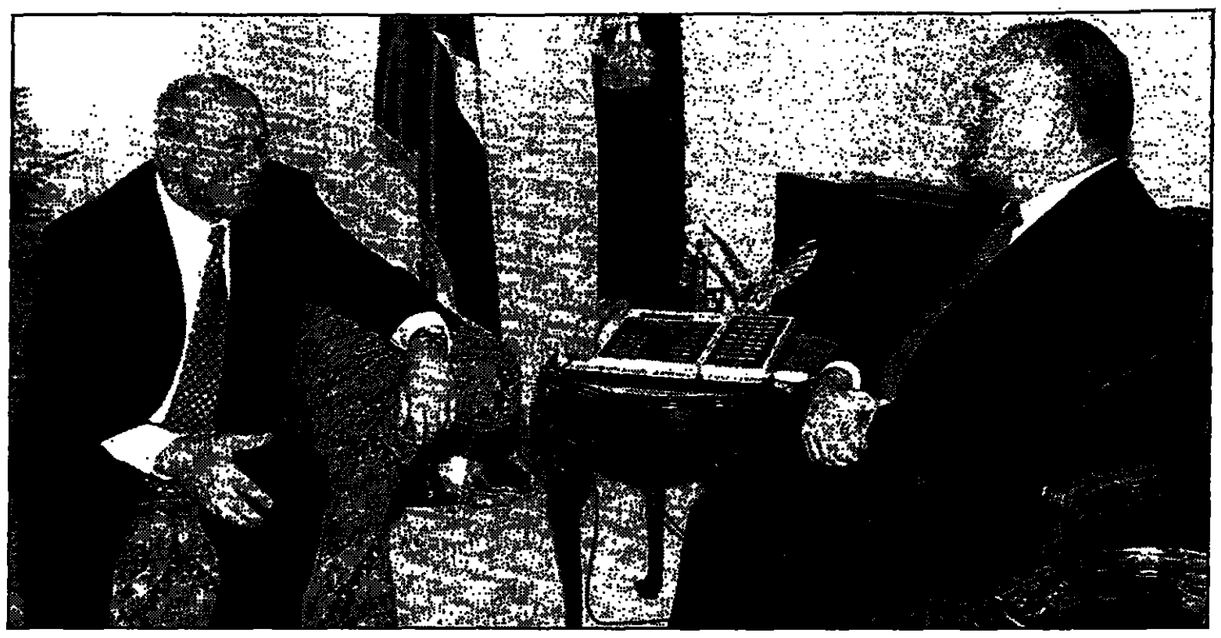
Salah called on Arafat to crack down on corruption as part of his effort to unite the Palestinian people during the current negotiations stalemate with Israel.

Many PLC members were stunned by Arafat's decision to allow those ministers named in a PLC audit last year to remain in their posts, among them Nabil Shaath and Jamil Tarifi. Both were criticized by the report for mismanagement and waste.

Others said Arafat had appointed a handful of ministers to posts without authority or responsibilities.

In a poll released on Wednesday by the Nablus-based Center for Palestine Research and Studies, 56 percent said they believed Palestinian political institutions were corrupt while the number of people who would re-elect Arafat fell to 48%, from 61% last month.

The survey was conducted among 1,325 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza between July 30 and August 1. The margin of error is 3%.



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani makes a point to Crown Prince Hassan in Amman yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

PA to decide today on resuming talks

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, and news agencies

With some encouragement from US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Palestinian Authority leaders are expected to decide today whether to continue negotiations with Israel about the second pullback.

In Amman, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said after meeting with Crown Prince Hassan that he had delivered a message from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "confirming that our government is solving the problem, and very soon. I swear to continue the peace process in Israel. This is my mission," Kahalani said after the three-hour meeting.

Israeli and PA officials met yesterday to discuss a schedule of meetings for their negotiating teams, after postponing the contacts for a day over the slayings Tuesday night of two settlers in Yitzhar.

PA officials said that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat received a phone call from Albright on Wednesday night about the proposed Israeli compromise to set up a nature reserve in 3 percent of the proposed 13% of West Bank land that would be handed over to the PA. PA International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath said Albright's remarks would be taken up by the PA cabinet at its weekly session today.

Shaath was skeptical about holding more talks, although he didn't rule out the possibility. He said that Israel and the PA haven't held serious negotiations since Netanyahu took office two years ago.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, said yesterday that he told Arafat in a telephone conversation on Tuesday night that peace talks should continue until completion. He also told reporters that he congratulated Arafat on his 69th birthday.

Netanyahu called for Arafat to condemn the killings in Yitzhar. Referring to the fatal shootings of several Palestinians by IDF soldiers at a roadblock near Tarkumiya earlier this year, he said:

"When Palestinians are murdered – and sometimes there are such murders by Jews, or other regrettable actions such as what happened at the roadblock where several Palestinians were killed – I didn't hesitate for a moment to express my deep and real sorrow. There is room for Arafat to express his regrets and his objections to such despicable acts of murder."

In defense of Arafat's failure to condemn the slayings, his adviser Ahmed Tibi noted on Israel Radio yesterday that two other senior PA officials had spoken out.

Shaath said of the murders that "there is a feeling of gravity because of what happened, but also a feeling of gravity because of the delay in implementing the peace process."

The PA also condemned plans to expand Yitzhar as dangerous for the peace process.

President Ezer Weizman said yesterday "we have to continue fighting for peace," after paying a condolence call on the family of Shlomo Leibman in Jerusalem. "We have to find a way to live with the Arab world. We cannot be an island and the way to find a way to live with the Arab world is to continue with what we have started," Weizman said.

Third Way: No pullback in Judean Desert

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Third Way will not support a pullback agreement and will vote no confidence in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu if parts of the Judean Desert are given to the Palestinians, MK Yehuda Harel said yesterday.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, told Jordan Valley settlers yesterday that a pullback from 160 square kilometers of the Judean Desert was being contemplated as part of the second redeployment, according to David Elhayani, the head of the Jordan Valley Settlers Committee.

Elhayani accused Netanyahu of giving in to political considerations at the expense of national security.

Harel, who had previously threatened to topple the government if it doesn't implement the pullback, said: "If a pullback agreement including areas in the Judean Desert is brought to the Knesset's approval, I'll recommend that my party oppose it."

Harel said the plan was tantamount to handing back the Golan Heights.

Peace Now: Most Yitzhar homes empty

By GIL HOFFMAN

Sixty-two percent of the apartments in Yitzhar are empty, some for several years, Peace Now secretary-general Mossi Raz charged yesterday.

The Housing Ministry, meanwhile, published tenders to construct another 15 apartments in Netzarim and Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip.

Raz said that Peace Now investigators counted the empty flats in Yitzhar on their own, and found that out of 178 housing units in the settlement, 110 are empty.

Aharon Domb, director-general of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, disputed the findings, saying that only 19 flats or 21% of housing units were empty. He added that there are only 89 dwellings in the community.

Seventy families live in Yitzhar, including 10 who moved in over the last year, Domb said.

Raz criticized plans by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to expand the settlement after Tuesday's murders of Shlomo Liebman and Harel Bin-Nun. He called the community "one of the most extremist, dangerous, and problematic settlements and one of the most empty.

Treasury to increase domestic expenditure in '99

By DAVID HARRIS

The Treasury yesterday presented ministers with its plan for renewed economic growth, with the key proposal an increase in domestic expenditure next year.

On Monday, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman will ask his cabinet colleagues to consider a package of measures, including increasing investment in infrastructure, reducing the budget deficit to 2% percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) and a series of other proposals to cut unemployment, increasing competition and reducing the public sector's role in the economy.

While the overall deficit will meet the Budget Deficit Law requirement of not exceeding 2% of GDP or NIS 7.8 billion, the domestic deficit will be increased from 2.2% to 2.5% of GDP, allowing for an additional NIS 1.3b. to be distributed to ministers. This will be possible because overseas activities are expected to generate a surplus. Overall expenditure will total NIS 173.8b.

State Budget Director David Milgrom said the 1999 state budget will help put Israel back on the road to economic recovery, with full growth potential being reached in 2000 or 2001.

The Treasury proposals will eventually form the basis of the budgetary arrangements bill, which will accompany the state budget.

Some proposals in the seven-chapter document are:

- Granting satellite television operator licenses from January 1.
- Establishing an additional private electricity generator.
- Freeing up land for development.
- Increased use of BOT (build, operate and transfer) contracts, which allow for huge infrastructure projects to be implemented in the private sector.
- Constructing new roads to link with the Trans-Israel Highway.
- Outsourcing many of the activities of the Employment Service.

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Immigrant Visas and Petitions
From **August 17 until November 1,** immigrant visa applicants whose cases are pending and who wish to bring new documents must have an appointment. Any applicant who has not already been given an appointment may request one by mail (please include stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request). American citizens who wish to file petitions for spouses or minor children on or between August 25 and September 15 should also request appointments by mail. Apart from this period, petitions will be accepted as usual every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Non-Immigrant (Visitor) Visas
From **August 17 until November 1,** the visa section will accept limited numbers of "walk-in" applicants on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Except for urgent situations, approved visas may not be available for collection until one to three days after the interview. Handling of applications submitted via the Consulate's "drop-box" and local travel agencies is expected to continue as usual (minimum of three days for "drop-box" applications and five days for those via travel agents). Please consult with your travel agent for details.

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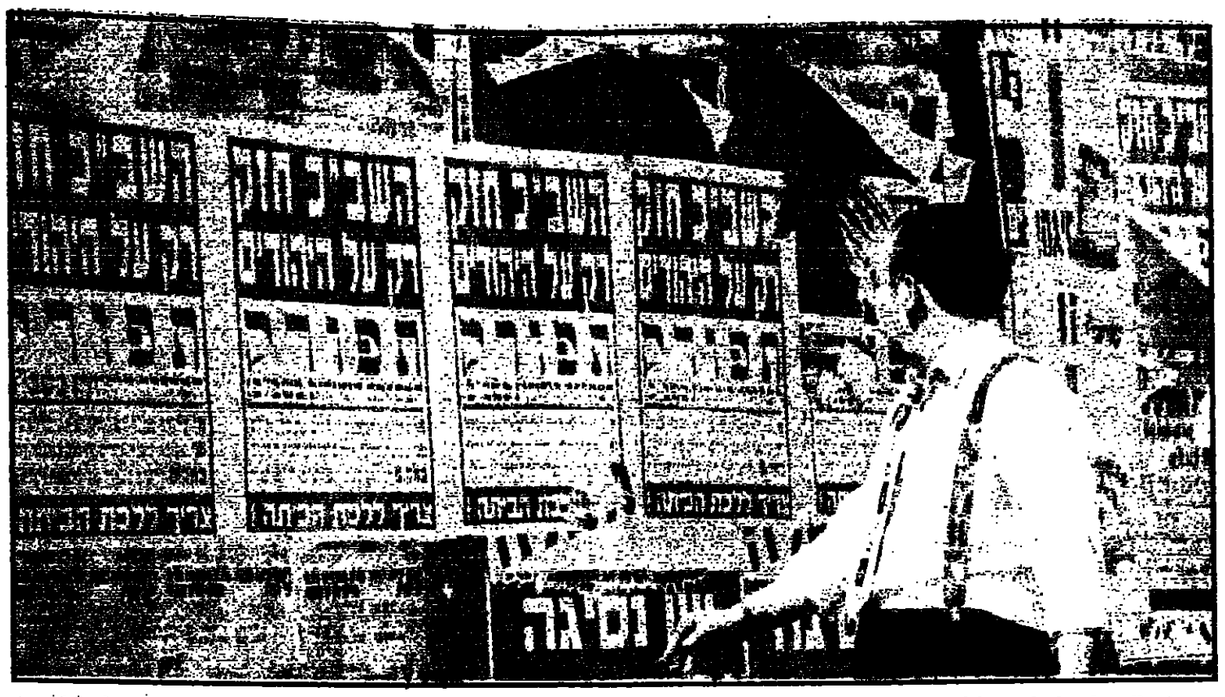
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A pedestrian yesterday contemplates Kach posters in Jerusalem that call for the dismantling of the GSS branch that handles investigations of Jews. (Brian Hendler)

Kach takes aim at GSS for being 'tough against Jews'

By AMY KLEIN

Kach activists yesterday claimed responsibility for signs posted in downtown Jerusalem that attack the General Security Service for purportedly denying Jews their rights and being soft on Arab terrorism.

The signs, which were posted Wednesday night, read: "The GSS is tough only against the Jews – dismantle the GSS's Jewish unit."

Kach leader Noam Federman said the GSS denied rights to Jews during two recent events: the murder of two Yitzhar residents on Tuesday night, and the interrogation of four Kiryat Arba minors who were suspected of belonging to a Jewish underground.

"If Harel Bin-Nun's weapon wasn't confiscated, there might have been different results," said Federman. "The GSS chases settlers and takes their weapons, when they should worry about Jewish security."

GSS investigators yesterday again interrogated the Kiryat Arba minor whom they had released on Wednesday. The 15-year old had denied his written confession – that he set fire to fields in Hebron belonging to Arabs – saying that it was given under duress.

He complained that the GSS threatened him and tricked him into confessing, and that he did not know his rights because he was not allowed to see his lawyer.

The teenager visited a psychologist yesterday, before his meeting with the GSS. The psychologist wrote: "There is no doubt his mental health will suffer if he will undergo any additional investigations in the future."

Former GSS deputy head Gideon Ezra said he does not believe the GSS violated any laws.

"The GSS knows what they are permitted to do," he said. The only difference between a GSS and a police investigation, he added, is that no juvenile officer is present in a GSS investigation.

But the director of the National Council for the Child, Dr. Yitzhak Kedman, said that interrogating minors without a special juvenile officer violates the International Treaty for the Rights of Children, which Israel signed in 1991.

He sent a letter to the Knesset Law Committee that called for a change in GSS interrogation procedures towards minors.

Kiryat Arba council leaders and the Hebron Settler's Committee called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to take action against the head of the GSS and the attorney general, who was blamed for a "witch-hunt against these children and the entire settler community."

The prime minister's spokesman said in a statement that Netanyahu had looked into the matter to see whether the procedures taken against the minors were in accordance with the law. According to the report he received, "the process was legal," the statement added.

UN nuclear talks await word from Israel

By STEPHANIE NEBEHAY

GENEVA (Reuters) – The United Nations Conference on Disarmament (CD) was near agreement yesterday on launching fresh negotiations to halt production of nuclear bomb-making fissile material, but awaited word from Israel today.

Diplomats said Israel is the only hold-out at the 61-member body, which has tried since 1995 to revive the stalled "cut-off" talks on plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

India and Pakistan – accused by Western states of delaying the fissile issue for years by demanding negotiations on total nuclear disarmament – have come on board after massive pressure following their nuclear tests last May, diplomats said.

Ukrainian Ambassador Mykola Maimeskoul, current chairman of the talks, announced at the end of yesterday's session that the Geneva body was "very close" to taking a decision to set up a negotiating committee on fissile material.

He called a meeting today to "formalize the accord which seems to be emerging." Israeli Ambassador Yosef Lamdan told yesterday's plenary that he hoped to have voting instructions by the time of this morning's special session.

"I would like to inform you that decision-makers in Israel are proceeding with deliberate speed on this issue, which impacts directly on our national security," Lamdan said.

"Israel is the only one left. Things look good," said one envoy. "I would be surprised if we don't get an agreement. It is a problem of principle for Israel, whether they are prepared to accept 'cut-off', as well as verification arrangements," he added.

Member states of the Geneva conference include the official nuclear weapons states Britain, China, France, Russia, and the United States, as well as India and Pakistan. It takes decisions by consensus and each member has veto rights. Israel, a nuclear "threshold" state, joined in June 1996 under a package which brought in 23 countries, including Iraq.

German Jew sues Claims Conference for $25m.

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – A German Jewish refugee yesterday filed a $25 million suit against the Claims Conference, saying it tried to block her attempts to recover her parents' estate in the former East Germany.

In a suit filed in the New York State Supreme Court, Gabriele Hammerstein contends that the Claims Conference also attempted to obtain for itself the benefits of her families' businesses.

The Claims Conference rejected the contention, saying it only wanted to ensure that Hammerstein is the legitimate and sole heir of the property.

The German government agreed in 1992 to return the estate to Hammerstein, but the Claims Conference objected to the validity of her claim, contending that she was not the appropriate heir, Hammerstein's lawyers said in an interview.

She was able to recover the property four years after the German government order. However, in the interim, the property had been vandalized and deteriorated dramatically, the lawyers said.

Saul Kagan, the agency's executive director, disagreed with the lawyers' chronology. "The Claims Conference, as the successor organization, has the responsibility to satisfy itself that the people to whom the property was awarded are the proper claimants," Kagan said at the agency's headquarters in Manhattan. "As soon as the documentation was delivered, we withdrew the claim."

According to Kagan, the German restitution authorities advised the Claims Conference in May 1994 that Hammerstein would recover the property. The Claims Conference then asked Hammerstein to document that she was the sole heir. It received the documentation on March 22, 1995 and withdrew its claim for the property on April 7, 1995, Kagan said.

After the war, the Claims Conference's predecessor agency was designated the heir of unclaimed Jewish property in the former West Germany. The Claims Conference took on the same role in the former East Germany, which began to return property in 1992. There have been numerous instances where both the survivors or heirs who lost the property and the Claims Conference, acting as heir, have claimed the same Jewish properties in the former East Germany.

The Claims Conference insists that it tries to recover Jewish property that would otherwise have gone unclaimed and steps aside in favor of legitimate heirs. It has established a "good will" fund to use some of the proceeds from property to compensate heirs who did not file applications in time to recover the property from the German government.

The Claims Conference uses the proceeds from the German property to finance programs for survivors, primarily in Israel and for programs run in Central and Eastern Europe by the Joint Distribution Committee. It also supports Holocaust education, including grants to Yad Vashem.

New toxic emissions raise fears of Ramat Hovav

By LIAT COLLINS

Less than a week after a major fire at the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site near Beersheba, there was a small emission there yesterday from buried barrels of an organo-phosphorous pesticide known by the commercial name of Cutnion.

A spokesman for the Ramat Hovav Industrial Council, which includes the site, said no environmental damage was caused by the leak, but following Sunday's conflagration of used lithium batteries it heightened fears of environmental groups and local residents that the whole site is unsafe.

In the past, stored Cutnion has leaked and caught fire, although yesterday's incident was promptly treated and the material neutralized.

The committee of inquiry into Sunday's fire appointed by Environment Minister Raphael Eitan is scheduled to visit the site today and the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee is planning to visit next week.

Eitan has called for a $30 million multi-year budget to treat the site, which he said needs NIS 10 million immediately.

At a special committee session in the recess following the fire, Eitan said: "The ministry is not trying to evade responsibility, but must solve the problems that have accumulated at the site over 29 years." He noted that there is no inventory of what materials were buried there in the early years of site's operation.

Eitan said the ministry is examining the option of burying the old material in concrete bunkers, although there is a dispute over whether this is feasible.

There are some 70,000 tons of accumulated toxic waste at the site, which receives an additional 43,000 tons a year. The incinerator which started operating last November has a capacity of 10,000 tons a year.

Within the past month, the chairman of the company that manages the toxic waste site, the site manager, and the site's safety officer have all been fired over safety deficiencies.

International appeal issued to rid world of nuclear weapons

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – On the 53rd anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, international dignitaries, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and former US President Jimmy Carter, have issued an appeal for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The appeal called for the implementation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. However, it also acknowledges the limits of the treaty, without seriously indicating how it would be rectified.

"The nuclear tests in South Asia have jarred the world into new awareness of nuclear danger. They have demonstrated unmistakably the peril of nuclear proliferation and the weakness of international measures of control," said the appeal, which was issued yesterday.

There are growing concerns about emerging nuclear states such as India, Pakistan and Israel, and the spread of nuclear capability to other countries, said David Cortright, president of the Fourth Freedom Forum, a private foundation specializing in international security issues that organized the appeal.

"It is now possible to end proliferation by assuring threshold states that established nuclear powers reduce their arsenals over time, while they reverse their drive for nuclear weapons," he said.

The US, China, France, Russia and Great Britain combined possess some 35,000 nuclear weapons, the forum said.

"Today, only a commitment to nuclear abolition can realistically halt nuclear proliferation," said the appeal, whose signers also included Nobel Peace Prize winners Oscar Arias and Joseph Rotblat, Admiral Eugene Carroll and former US senators Alan Cranston and Mark Hatfield.

"We call for negotiations to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons in a series of well-defined stages accompanied by increasing verification and control," it said.

The appeal is intended to launch an international campaign to abolish nuclear weapons, and organizers said they will convene the appeal backers, key figures of the defense establishment and opinion-makers.





Netanyahu sparks Israel-Vatican appointment row

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu acknowledged yesterday he had discussed the upcoming appointment of a Greek Catholic archbishop here with church officials.

Ma'ariv reported that Netanyahu had made it clear to leaders of both the Greek Catholic Church and the Vatican that he wants Emil Shufani, a bishop considered friendly to the government, to be appointed archbishop for the Galilee.

The Vatican is reportedly unhappy over what it sees as inappropriate political interference in a Holy See appointment. Pope John Paul II picked another bishop, Butros Mualam, a Palestinian refugee, for the position.

"I discussed the nomination with the Vatican's representative in Israel, and expressed my concern regarding the politicization of nominations of the Church," Netanyahu said yesterday.

Anti-Defamation League director Rabbi David Rosen said a government attempt to influence a church appointment is "almost unheard of" and could jeopardize Israel's relations with the Vatican.

Labor MK Yona Yahav meanwhile criticized the prime minister for this interference, chiding him that the Israeli Christian community is not a branch of the Likud.

The Vatican spokesman told *Ma'ariv* that government interference in religious appointments is an obstacle to relations between states. Only dictatorships interfere in this way, the spokesman said.

According to Foreign Ministry sources, until now the only states which have had such a dispute with the Vatican are China and communist Vietnam.

Yahav said Netanyahu's interference has caused a rift between Israel and the Vatican and ferment in the Christian community.

A security official said it was feared that Mualam, a Palestinian refugee serving as a bishop in Brazil, might incite the Catholic community against Israel.

According to the official, the Palestinian Authority pressured the local church council to recommend Mualam for the appointment, and it was in response to this that Netanyahu decided to get involved.

Netanyahu said the change in appointments was "due to certain pressures," imposed on the Vatican, but did not elaborate. Netanyahu said Israel is still discussing the matter with the Church.

Anglican conference backs two-state capital in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

In a sign of new activism towards the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Anglican bishops meeting in Lambeth, England declared yesterday that Jerusalem should be a capital city for both Israel and an independent Palestinian state.

In a resolution passed overwhelmingly, they also condemned the expansion of settlements as a "major obstacle" to peace in the region.

Government Press Office director Moshe Fogel responded last night that the resolution was "disconcerting" and goes against the Oslo Accord's specification that the Jerusalem issue is to be worked out during final status talks with the Palestinians.

The 739 bishops from around the world, at their once-in-a-decade conference, voted that the status of Jerusalem is fundamental to any just and lasting peace settlement, and that it should serve as the capital of two sovereign states, Israel and Palestine.

The resolution also insists that east Jerusalem must be included in all political arrangements related to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including



Riad Abu Assal, bishop-elect in Jerusalem.

provisions for self-determination, release of prisoners, right of return, and eventual sovereignty.

The resolution urges Israel "to recognize the right of Palestinians, Christians, and Moslems alike, to build their own homes and establish their own institutions in Jerusalem."

It is a signal that "the Anglican Communion stands on the side of what is right, not who is right," said Riad Abu Assal, Jerusalem bishop-elect. "It also shows that the Anglican Communion is no longer hesitant to express its opinion on Middle East issues, as it has been in the past."

Fogel said that the resolution goes against a national consensus that Jerusalem should remain the eternal, undivided capital of Israel, a stance that was articulated by the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin at the time he signed the Oslo Accords.

"It is disconcerting that while the Palestinians agreed that the Jerusalem issue can be raised only in the context of final status talks, there are those who would seek to prejudice the talks through declarations which can only encourage them to take a hard-line stance and even to break the [Oslo] agreement," Fogel said.

Polish government says it can't remove Auschwitz crosses

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

WARSAW (AP) – The Polish government said yesterday it does not have the authority to remove dozens of crosses recently erected just outside the walls of the Auschwitz death camp.

Israel asked Poland on Wednesday to remove more than 50 crosses placed near the camp in recent weeks by Roman Catholic faithful at the urging of a conservative Catholic radio station.

The government, however, said it lacked authority to order the removal of the crosses. It said in a statement that the crosses were on private property, and that the Roman Catholic Church, not the state, was responsible for religious symbols in Poland.

Dozens of crosses have been erected over the last two weeks as a sign of protest against efforts to remove a much larger, eight-meter cross that has stood just meters from the camp's wall since 1988.

The large cross was used during a 1979 papal mass and was later placed on the grounds of a former Carmelite nunnery on Auschwitz's periphery to commemorate the event and to honor the memory of Poles executed at the site by the Nazis.

Jewish groups around the world have long protested the presence of the cross so close to the Nazi death camp, saying it insults the memory of the Holocaust's Jewish victims.

The government had sought to mediate a solution to the dispute earlier this year when the nuns handed the property over to the state. But since then, a veteran's group has claimed legal rights to the property, based on a 35-year-old rental agreement.

The church, meanwhile, defended the placement of additional crosses at the site.

"This is Polish soil and all imposition of other will is seen as interference into sovereignty," said Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the head of Poland's Catholic church.

Individuals erected smaller crosses "not out of fantasy but because of the constant nagging by the Jewish side for a swift removal of the cross."

The government said it viewed the "aggravating conflict" over Auschwitz memorial with "anxiety," and that it would spare no effort to prevent the issue from hurting Polish-Israeli relations.

But the government said the best way to ease the controversy was for mutual respect.

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Rights groups help Palestinians mimic Jewish restitution claims

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Human rights groups seeking to help Palestinians recover property from Israel are examining Jewish demands for property restitution in Europe to bolster the Palestinian case.

As Jews are agitating to recover property in Europe, so too are Palestinians seeking the right to their homes, say the advocates, including Human Rights Watch in New York. Many of the arguments for the recovery of Jewish property that was expropriated during the Holocaust could fit Palestinian claims for restitution, they say. Israel cannot insist on restitution on behalf of survivors, but reject the same argument when it is used by the Palestinians, according to these advocates.

Although the actual Israeli policy on the restitution of Jewish property in Europe is unclear, the principle is not.

"The State of Israel is fully committed to the struggle for the return of Jewish property and, where it is impossible to return it, for the payment of fair compensation," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in a letter to Edgar Bronfman, head of the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

Although Israel recognizes the "complexities involved," Netanyahu's letter, dated January 3, 1997, warned European governments that "returning the property of victims and their heirs is a matter of moral and historic justice."

In practice, the government has been nonchalant about property restitution, which is not a high-priority issue in bilateral relations between Jerusalem and European nations. Instead, Israel largely has deferred to the WJRO to press European states to return Jewish property.

Although the WJRO is a self-appointed, independent group operating without government oversight, it is received in Washington and European capitals because it is widely believed to have Jerusalem's endorsement and to represent Israeli interests and policy.

The WJRO relies, in part, on government funding. That state aid, in turns, buoys the perception of government authorization.

The relationship between Jerusalem and the WJRO is based on a 1992 pact between Bronfman and then-finance minister Avraham Shohat. The agreement established Israel's "special interest in the restitution of Jewish property in Eastern Europe to its owners or legal heirs."

Although the details differ significantly, human rights advocates say, the Palestinians are being told to abide by Israeli rulings that Jews would not tolerate from European governments.

For instance, Palestinian proofs of property ownership have become meaningless because under post-1948 Israeli law, the property of those who were in enemy states was entrusted to the Israeli Custodian of Absentee Property.

Under that logic, human rights advocates say, Jewish claims to property in Central and Eastern Europe would have been invalidated when the communist regimes nationalized all property.

In another instance in which the Palestinian grievances are mimicking those of the Jews, Palestinians have complained that Israel is privatizing property, which will make it difficult for individual claimants to recover property. That has been the case concerning Jewish property in Poland.

While Warsaw was preparing legislation that would have made property in state hands eligible for restitution, substantial parcels of property were simultaneously sold by the state.

Giuliani calls planned black march antisemitic

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has denounced plans for a "Million Youth March" in Harlem organized by a former Nation of Islam official as antisemitic and "race-baiting."

The organizer, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, was dismissed as spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan after a 1993 speech in which he called Jews "bloodsuckers." He subsequently founded the New Black Muslim Movement and the New Black Panther Party.

The stage is being set for a confrontation at the march, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 5. City officials denied a police permit for the gathering in a 30-block expanse of Harlem. Instead, they have proposed alternate sites in the Bronx for the event, which would occur two years after the Nation of Islam's Million Man March in Washington.

At a news conference on Monday, Giuliani said that the march organizers, whom he did not directly name, have a right to demonstrate, but that the Police Department can impose reasonable bounds on the time and location of the event.

It is not clear how many followers Muhammad has, but the confrontational atmosphere seemed likely to attract marchers from across the US.

Organizers have said the march, aimed to promote strength and unity among black youths, would occur with or without a permit.

The organizers blamed "Jews in the city administration" for denying the permit.

"Well, of course there are Jews who work for the City of New York, there are of course Jews who work on the mayor's staff, of course the [city's] legal counsel and others that work for the mayor are Jews," Muhammad said last week, according to *The New York Daily News*.

"There are Italians and there are white folks of every strain that do not want to see black people come together," he added.

The mayor lambasted the organizers, saying, "I haven't heard this kind of language in a very, very long time or this kind of race-baiting and antisemitic rhetoric."

When the permit was denied last week, Muhammad appeared to become menacing and said he would "take Eastern Parkway." That is the main street in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where hasidic scholar Yankel Rosenbaum was killed during four days of rioting in 1991. The unrest began after a chauffer for the Lubavitcher rebbe accidentally ran over and killed a black youth, Gavin Cato.

"This will be a direct confrontation with the Jews of that area who have misused and abused our people in Brooklyn and in Crown Heights for so long," Muhammad reportedly said.

Experts at loss to explain oppressive heat

By JUDY SIEGEL

Meteorological Services staff went out on strike yesterday – but they forgot to turn off the heat, leaving the country sweltering after some two weeks of non-stop, above 33° temperatures.

The weather forecasters have been complaining of "bad blood" between them and the Transport Ministry's management about plans to privatize services, but the straw that broke the camel's back was the decision to stop giving them food coupons for lunch.

Prof. Avraham Zangvil, a meteorological expert at Ben-Gurion University's Desert Research Institute, was willing to pinch-hit and at least talk about the weather.

"Nothing can be done about it," Zangvil said. "Even here in Sde Boker, the humidity is high."

The BGU expert said it's impossible to explain the hot spell.

"It's not like plucking a violin string and getting an exact note. There are so many complex factors involved: the atmosphere, winds, solar system, and the conflicting influences of global warming [with higher CO2 production] versus air pollution [which filters out the sun's rays and lowers temperatures.]

"The global climate is getting higher by an average of only one degree per century, but this is the average, and there are many fluctuations."

One can't even blame the current hot weather – in southern Europe as well as in the Middle East – on El Nino, which is petering out now, he said.

The current heat spell is odd, in that the westerly wind that usually cools off Jerusalem and the other hilly areas is absent, so the nights are hot, too, he said. In addition, the Mediterranean Sea is registering a temperature above 30°.

"It often doesn't reach that figure at all, even by the end of August, but it's already there. A hot sea could cause more rain in the winter, and then again, it could not do so.

"I've studied the weather maps on the Internet, and I can't tell you when this heat wave will end. I can't offer even a drop of hope."



Youngsters cool off yesterday in the fountain of the Tel Aviv Opera House. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

The *Los Angeles Times* reported yesterday that at least 245 Americans die every year from heat-related illness, quoting an estimate by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. But in years when there are heat waves, the figure is much higher.

A University of Chicago study analyzing records of patients admitted to Chicago hospitals during the devastating 1995 heat wave showed that 58 people, most elderly, died of heat stroke.

In a 1980 heat wave in the US, 1,700 died. In Texas alone this summer, more than 90 people have succumbed from weeks of over 38° Celsius weather.

Experts note that older people don't recognize thirst as easily as young, healthy people because of weakened reflexes. Many of them also take diuretics, which reduce the amount of fluid in their bodies and make them more susceptible to heat stroke.

Those with cardiovascular disease can develop a rapid pulse to release heat through the skin, but this will leave the intestines with less oxygen and digestive problems could develop.

Heat stroke hits when people stop sweating, causing the speedy breakdown of muscle tissue, which places a heavy burden on the kidneys and can even cause the heart to stop beating.

The best advice is to drink 12 to 15 glasses of water a day, rest, and stay out of the sun.

Health fund sanctions to hit next week

By JUDY SIEGEL

The huge deficits in the health system will have a direct impact on the public next week, as 30,000 Kupat Holim Clalit hospital and community clinic workers apply sanctions on Monday.

Kupat Holim Meuhedet clinics will shut down services between noon and 4 p.m. starting Sunday.

It was not immediately clear whether the sanctions at Clalit, the largest of the health funds, would last for just one day or would be continuous.

There were bitter meetings last night between officials of the Health and Finance Ministries over how to cover the deficits, but no breakthrough was predicted.

The Treasury wants residents to pay for visits to doctors and pay more for drugs, but the plan is unlikely to get through the Knesset Finance Committee.

The four health funds have asked members to sign a petition to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, demanding that the government abide by the National Health Insurance Law.

Clalit unions announced yesterday that they would work on a Shabbat schedule on Monday unless they get their July salaries by Sunday. So far, the debt-ridden health fund has paid workers only three-quarters of their salaries.

Union chief Prosper Ben-Hamu said employees "must not be pawns" in the dispute between the Health and Finance Ministries.

Meuhedet said it would start cutting services on Sunday so that it can continue covering the costs of drugs for patients with serious diseases. For example, no medical care will be provided from noon to 4 p.m. and doctors will be unavailable in clinics on two afternoons a week. There will also be cutbacks in covering fertility treatment for a second child.

Feminists praise sexual harassment rules

By NOAH STREIT

Women's groups and rights activists lauded the new guidelines on sexual harassment yesterday, touting them as advanced and revolutionary.

"We think it is a revolutionary set of guidelines, extremely progressive," said Israel Women's Network spokeswoman Orit Sulitzeanu.

The guidelines, which were approved on Wednesday by the committee, go into effect on September 20.

MK Yael Dayan (Labor), who heads the Knesset's Status of Women Committee, explained that the law encompasses almost every type of business relationship, not just employee-employer. For instance, the law includes professor-student relationships.

Na'amat chairwoman Hedva Almog pointed out that the law even includes protection for shoppers being harassed by store employees.

The guidelines require all employers with 25 or more workers to post the guidelines and institute procedures for addressing complaints of sexual harassment. Dayan noted that in companies who employ several people who speak foriegn languages, the employer is required to place signs in those languages.

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Kenneth's slow job

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Al Capone was jailed for tax evasion. They don't make movies about tax evasion, so we all know why Capone is really a legend in the crime annals.

US Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pursuing President Bill Clinton for alleged incitement to perjury. No one reads columns or magazines about incitement to perjury, so we all know why we're really here.

Or do we? Gossip and scandal have their place in a healthy society – every time we ask a friend "What's new?" we hope for the delicious response "Boy, have I got news for you." It's not really news, of course; it's gossip. There was a time when everyone could tell the difference and could tell which was important. We tuned into news bulletins to hear real news. No longer.

Nineties news is the weepy hysteria of a camera in someone's face after a tragedy. News is celebrity and sports gossip which have moved out of the tabloids and sports pages and onto *Larry King Live*.

Was that Oval?

As a US spokesman said this week, when Richard Nixon lied about Vietnam, it cost American and Vietnamese lives; when Ronald Reagan lied about Iran-Contra, it made a mockery of American foreign policy. If Bill Clinton lied about sex with a shiksa – so what? He said, she said.

Evidence that Clinton incited perjury started off thin, and is getting thinner. Sex in the Oval Office may be worth a snigger or a tut-tut; it may be cheesy, but it is no more illegal than the traditional secretary-behind-the filing-cabinet of office cartoons.

The average state attorney would consider a suggestion that he waste taxpayers money prosecuting a sex, lies, and recording tape scandal as a sign of approaching dementia in one of his lawyers. Why has Ken Starr been allowed to spend seven months so far pursuing it against Clinton?

Ten years and $20 million spent on Whitewater turned out to be no more than a vast scientific project to make America yawn. Then there was the cast-iron Paula case. Paula who? Does anyone remember Troopergate, those fine Arkansas fellas who claimed to have ferried women to Clinton? Funny how they, too, were rolled out for their 14 and a half minutes of fame by another right-wing Republican Clinton-hating lawyer, Cliff Jackson. There's a lot of them about, and it's still a slow job. Kenny: wind it up already.

Vote pope

The still-solid position of Clinton in the public opinion polls provides a glimmer of hope that the people so far have retained that essential common sense which media television stars have abandoned in relentless pursuit of their glitzy careers. It seems ordinary Americans remain aware that since most of themselves get divorced at some time in their lives, and since illicit affairs play no small part in the statistics, Kenneth Starr might as well start rounding up the bulk of the population for lying about their sex lives.

And as one citizen said in a street interview: "If I wanted a saint in the White House, I'd have voted for the pope. I wanted a president who gets things done, and I'm happy with him."

The curious result of this shamelessly political pursuit of the president is that the morally upright and legally pedantic pursuers have ended up looking considerably more sleazy than the accused. One of the tackiest images of the investigation has been the near breakdown suffered by Monica's mother, Marcia Lewis, forced to answer humiliating questions about her own daughter. One of the most ludicrous was the subpoena of Monica's bookshop.

Then there's everybody's best friend, Linda Tripp. Beware of friends wearing wire-taps to afternoon tea and girl-chat. As *Time* magazine will point out in Monday's issue, Tripp's claim that it hurt her deeply to pretend to be Monica's confidante and tape her for three months was matched only by Mike Tyson whining to the boxing control board this week that biting off Evander Holyfield's ear hurt him, not Holyfield.

Monica Monroe

Suddenly every journalist in America is an expert on Clinton's sex life. One magazine wheeled out an unnamed "reporter" (of all anonymous people) who claimed that he knew years ago that Bill had hundreds of lovers, but decided not to write the story. Oh yes, really, really.

One reason I haven't written an original news story about Monicagate is that I have no primary sources or evidence, and no access to the alleged main players. As an old-fashioned reporter, that would seem to preclude me from producing a story. Silly silly me, we "all" know all about it, don't we? Just as we all know John F. Kennedy had sex with Marylin Monroe and the media ignored it.

Just ask Seymour Hersh. When he was writing *The Dark Side of Camelot*, there was so much well-documented evidence for this well-known fact that he was, for a while, suckered into using forged documents to substantiate the affair. In fact someone – a reporter friend – did once ask the primary source. Kennedy laughed. "It's not true," he said. That's what's on the record, and no one has proved any different since.

Lewinsky begins her crucial testimony

By LARRY MARGASAK



Nathaniel Speight, one of Monica Lewinsky's attorneys, leaves the Federal Court House in Washington yesterday. (AP)

WASHINGTON (AP) — A serious-looking Monica Lewinsky, whose testimony could define the future course of the Clinton administration, strode into a federal courthouse yesterday for her long-awaited appearance before a federal investigative panel.

She was ready to testify that she had sexual encounters with the president inside the White House, sources said.

The 25-year-old former intern, wearing a dark blue suit and white shoes, was whisked into a side entrance of the courthouse, avoiding a crowd of more than a hundred journalists that had gathered overnight.

Lewinsky, seeming glum, hugged a female companion as she stepped out of a car at the courthouse, then quickly moved inside accompanied by members of her legal team.

She was in the grand jury area for three hours before the lunch recess, with two short breaks during the morning's proceedings.

"Monica's doing fine," said Plato Cacheris, one of her lawyers, at midday.

Sources familiar with the intense preparation Lewinsky has undergone said it was difficult for her to relive intimate details of her relationship with President Bill Clinton, but she was ready to testify truthfully and anxious to finish the painful ordeal.

One source described how Lewinsky cried during her preparation sessions with prosecutors working for independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Just a few blocks from the courthouse, the White House projected a business-as-usual air.

"The view here is that we're hopeful that this means a four-year investigation that has cost upwards of $40 million is finally coming to a conclusion," deputy press secretary Barry Toiv said, referring to the full Whitewater investigation.

Asked if it were a difficult day for the White House, Toiv said, "No. We do our work here every day regardless of what's going on in the outside world."

Starr is investigating whether Clinton lied under oath about his relationship with Lewinsky and conspired with her and others to cover up their relationship.

Clinton has denied an affair — in testimony he gave in the Paula Jones civil suit against him and in a televised statement. The president will testify August 17 by closed-circuit television.

Lewinsky found it painful to discuss sexual subjects that normally would be private, the source added. And she viewed herself as someone whose fate was determined by her former friend Linda Tripp, who triggered the investigation by giving prosecutors 20 hours of recordings of her conversations with Lewinsky.

Anticipation of Lewinsky's appearance was so intense Wednesday that courthouse security officials, media executives, attorneys representing news organizations and even chief US District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson held a series of discussions on maintaining decorum in the well-guarded courthouse.

Lewinsky was granted blanket immunity from prosecution by Starr in return for her truthful testimony. Sources familiar with the deal said prosecutors hoped to keep her testimony shorter than the eight days that Tripp spent before the grand jury, a panel of citizens charged with investigating whether a crime has been committed.

Lewinsky began working at the White House as an intern in mid-1995 and transferred to the Pentagon in the spring of 1996, where she befriended Tripp.

Lewinsky returned to the White House on more than three-dozen occasions for visits, mostly to the Oval Office.

Congressional panel votes contempt charges against Reno

By KEVIN GALVIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional committee voted yesterday to cite Attorney-General Janet Reno for contempt of Congress for failing to turn over a report recommending that she seek an independent counsel to probe campaign fund-raising abuses.

The panel moved to the extraordinary confrontation on a 24 – 19 vote that went along party lines.

"The committee has a need to see these documents," said Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Rep. Henry Waxman, the senior Democrat on the panel, denounced the action.

"This odious threat of contempt is beneath contempt," he said.

"We're continuing to talk to see if we can reach an accommodation," Reno said earlier.

The full House of Representatives would have to endorse any contempt citation. Burton said action on the House floor would not come before Congress's August recess and he held out hope that Reno would turn over the reports.

If the House approved the contempt citation the matter would go to the US District Court for the District of Columbia to determine if a contempt order should be issued.

If the court issued a contempt order, Reno could be subject to a year in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Burton has been demanding Reno turn over the report from the former head of a Justice Department task force that is probing alleged fund-raising illegalities by the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign and the Democratic National Committee

Key changes in Pakistan cabinet

By DONNA BRYSON

ISLAMABAD (AP) – Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif named new men yesterday to direct the key areas of finance and foreign affairs as his government struggled to ward off economic collapse and repair international ties strained by nuclear tests.

An information ministry spokesman confirmed the long-rumored changes.

Former Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz was shifted to foreign affairs, while respected economist Hafeez Pasha was named special finance adviser. Pasha is not in parliament, and so could not be named a minister.

The outspoken Gohar Ayub, who as foreign minister had had undiplomatically tough words for neighboring India after it conducted nuclear tests in May, was moved to minister of water and power.

That post is particularly important with Pakistan pledging to step up its privatization drive by selling off state utilities, and following disputes over tariffs with private power providers.

Former water and power minister Raja Nadir Pervaiz took the until-now vacant communications pected.

New US law would open up Nazi files

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of classified US files on Nazi war crimes and criminals would be unsealed under legislation completed by Congress yesterday and sent to the White House for the president's signature.

The Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act would make it much easier for historians, researchers and the public to view the documents.

Several federal agencies, including the CIA, the State Department and the Department of Defense, previously refused to declassify the documents, citing national security.

"Some of the information might prove embarrassing for the United States," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, who sponsored the bill in the House, which passed it by unanimous voice vote.

The legislation passed the Senate in June.

Historian Robert Herzstein of the University of South Carolina said it opens up "avenues to researchers that were closed before."

Moody's: Claims won't affect Swiss banks

LONDON (AP) — Moody's Investors Service said yesterday that it doesn't expect a controversy over Holocaust-era assets to have an impact on the credit ratings of the two major Swiss commercial banks, UBS AG and Credit Suisse Group.

Holocaust survivors are taking legal action against Credit Suisse and UBS, the product of June's merger of Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp., over assets they say were looted or otherwise kept from them after World War II.

Jewish leaders angrily rejected an offer by the two banks on June 19 of $600 million to settle the claims, saying the real value of the dormant wartime assets deposited by victims was more than $1 billion. The banks said last month they will resume talks.

Britain denies trying to kill Gaddafi

LONDON (Reuters) – Britain yesterday denied allegations by a renegade intelligence officer that British agents tried to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The allegations were made by David Shayler, a former member of Britain's security services who was arrested in Paris last weekend and is fighting moves to extradite him back to Britain.

Shayler made his allegations in the *New York Times* and they were repeated in London's *Guardian* newspaper yesterday.

He alleged that Britain's foreign intelligence service MI6 tried to kill Gaddafi in February 1996 by planting a bomb under his motorcade But he said, agents placed the bomb under the wrong car, killing several bystanders.

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Japan marks Hiroshima, slams India, Pakistan

By TSUGUFUMI MATSUMOTO

HIROSHIMA (AP) – Thousands gathered in sweltering weather yesterday to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing, and to urge India and Pakistan to halt their nuclear weapons programs.

Many in the estimated crowd of 50,000 clasped their hands in prayer or held Buddhist rosaries as silence was observed at 8:15 a.m. local time – the exact moment a US atomic bomb exploded above Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

With the Indian and Pakistani ambassadors present, Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi condemned the South Asian countries' series of atomic weapons tests in May, which have cast a pall over international efforts to curb the spread of nuclear arms.

"It is very regrettable that both India and Pakistan carried out nuclear tests in May," said Obuchi, who took office last month and appeared for the first time at the annual observances.

Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hiraoka used stronger language in telling the crowd that those tests raised tensions in South Asia and shook the foundation of the world's nuclear non-proliferation movement.

"The people in Hiroshima feel a strong rage against the nuclear tests by the two nations, and worry about inducing a chain reaction of nuclear competition," Hiraoka said.

Thousands of kilometers away, throngs of protesters in India also marked the anniversary, shouting "Bread not Bombs!" and warning that an atomic weapons race in their region could lead to another nuclear catastrophe like the one that destroyed Hiroshima.

"Both India and Pakistan now have the capability to perpetrate the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on each other, not once but many times," said a resolution by activists at an anti-nuclear march in the Indian capital of New Delhi.

The Indian and Pakistani ambassadors told reporters in Hiroshima that their countries remained committed to non-proliferation efforts and that yesterday's ceremonies served as a reminder of the devastation nuclear weapons can inflict.

The anniversary observances began with the offering of flowers at the city's Peace Park. As in most years, the moment of silence was broken only by the ringing of a Buddhist bell and the chirping of cicadas.

For the first time, Hiroshima invited the ambassadors to Japan from the five major nuclear powers — the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — as well as those from India and Pakistan.

But only India's Singh and Pakistan's Touqir Hussain attended, said Mayumi Tochino of the Hiroshima city office.



A man whose home was detryed in China's worst flooding since 1954 weeps by the swollen Yangtze River yesterday. (AP)

Thousands dead, millions homeless in Asian flooding

News agencies

Devastating summer floods in China have killed more than 2,000 people and affected 240 million – one-fifth of its population and roughly equal to that of the United States.

Torrential rains meanwhile pounded South Korea, raising to 206 the number of people killed or missing from mudslides and floods, officials said yesterday.

"More than 2,000 people have died from floods and waterlogging since the beginning of June," China's Vice-Minister of Civil Affairs Fan Baojun told a news conference yesterday.

Flooded regions of central and eastern China were caught in the pincers of two deadly storms as new swells of water churned eastward down the Yangtze River while Typhoon Otto ploughed westward from the coast.

"Flood damage this year is far, far more serious than that in the past, and flood deaths this year have equalled total deaths from natural disasters in an average year," Fan said.

In South Korea, at least 74 people are dead and 36 missing after the deluge Wednesday night and yesterday, Korean officials said. This added to last weekend's misery when floods and mudslides in the south left 64 people dead and 32 missing and feared dead.

While the rains abated by the afternoon, the forecast is for heavy downpours and high winds over the weekend for Seoul and northern areas.

The latest victims included nine soldiers, six of whom were killed yesterday in a landslide at a military unit in northern Kyonggi Province, the Defence Ministry said.

Two soldiers died while attempting to save civilians and another was killed by flood waters while on guard duty, the ministry said in a statement. Three others were missing.

"It's of historic proportions. This is the first time so many people were killed and lost in such a short period of time," an official with the disaster agency said.

Most northern outlying areas of Seoul and some parts of the city were cut off from utilities and communications, he said.

Heavy rains have lashed central and eastern China for weeks, pushing rivers and lakes to their highest levels since 1954 and triggering floods, mudslides and avalanches that have killed villagers in deadly surprises.

"Ninety percent of the deaths were caused by landslides which buried villages, and some deaths were caused by electrocution, capsized boats and overturned vehicles," Fan said.

The disasters had affected 240 million people across China, destroyed 5.58 million houses and damaged 12.05 million other dwellings, Fan said.

Some 13.8 million people had fled to safer areas, Fan said.

The floods had also affected 21.53 million hectares of farmland and destroyed 4.78 million hectares of crops, he said. The fertile Yangtze valley holds some of China's best rice and cotton-growing land.

EU wants forensic checks of Kosovo graves

By MARK THOMPSON

VIENNA (Reuters) – The European Union said yesterday it wants Yugoslavia to grant forensic scientists access to Kosovo as part of its investigation into reports of mass graves.

EU observers visited a site near the Kosovo town of Orahovac on Wednesday after reports in Austrian, German, and Swedish newspapers, but found no immediate evidence of mass graves. However, they said they are not sure how many people are buried there.

"The EU observer mission is continuing to look into indications of mass graves," said an Austrian Foreign Ministry spokesman, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency.

"Our ambassador in Belgrade is... reminding the authorities that Serbia has already assured [Foreign Minister Wolfang] Schuessel that experts in forensic medicine will be permitted access," the spokesman said.

"We want to say to the Serbs, let the experts in so that you can then prove that such mass graves do not exist." Serbian authorities displayed what they said were the graves of 40 separatist ethnic Albanian guerrillas on Wednesday and sharply denied suggestions that their forces had massacred civilians at Orahovac after the town was retaken in July.

Orahovac is the site of one of the fiercest battles in the six-month uprising by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) which is fighting for the independence of Kosovo, a Serbian province with a 90 percent ethnic Albanian majority.

Members of the EU observer mission based in the Kosovo capital Pristina and a convoy of reporters were shown a freshly ploughed rubbish tip, putrid with the smell of decaying bodies, and dotted with temporary markers bearing Albanian names.

EU observers said the site they saw could contain up to 50 bodies but not the 500 mentioned in reports carried by Austria's *Die Presse* newspaper, among others.

Die Presse yesterday again quoted eyewitness accounts of several hundred bodies being buried not far from the town and referred to two more unmarked sites near to the site seen by reporters and observers on Wednesday.

Its foreign editor, Andreas Schwarz, defended the reports in the face of official protests by Yugoslavia.

"I do not doubt for a second what our correspondent saw there and what he heard there," Schwarz told Reuters.

The Yugoslav Embassy in Vienna wrote to the conservative broadsheet on Wednesday, describing its story as "tendentious and ill-intentioned" based on unnamed sources "without any hard evidence," the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said.

The EU presidency could not confirm whether its observers had inspected all the sites mentioned, but stressed every report would be investigated.

"I can't say whether they were visited yesterday or will be visited today, but all indications whether from the local population or journalists will be examined by the observer mission," the official said.

He could not comment on whether the EU had formally applied for permission to dig at the sites.

Bulgaria's Zhivkov dies, 86

SOFIA (Reuters) – Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov, Eastern Europe's last surviving strongman, has died at the age of 86, marking the end of the communist era in this Balkan state.

"Zhivkov has died," a doctor in the government hospital in Sofia told Reuters yesterday.

The hospital said the former leader died late on Wednesday of complications resulting from long-standing diabetes and old age.

"Beside being the communist party leader in one of the darkest periods of Bulgarian history he was also head of state for decades...Eight million Bulgarians lived in labor, dreams and illusions, but also in fear and political repression," said President Petar Stoyanov.

"With Todor Zhivkov's death the era of Bulgarian communism is completely over," Stoyanov said in a telegram expressing his condolences to Zhivkov's relatives.

Zhivkov had ruled Bulgaria from 1954 until he was ousted in a bloodless coup by fellow party members in 1989. He was released from house arrest in September 1997 after becoming Eastern Europe's first communist leader to stand trial in 1991.

Bogged down by procedural wrangles, all cases against Zhivkov during those six years turned into sham trials, sparking widespread public scepticism at the time.

'King Arthur' stone found in Britain

LONDON (Reuters) – An ancient slate inscribed with a name similar to that of England's King Arthur has been found at Tintagel, the ruined castle where the legendary leader of the knights of the round table is said to have been born.

English Heritage, the government's conservation agency, said yesterday that the sixth century slate bore the inscription "Artognov," the Latin form of a British name "Arthnou."

"By extraordinary coincidence the stone bears similarities to the name of the mythical King Arthur, long associated with Tintagel," English Heritage said.

"This adds a new dimension to the debate about the possibility of there having been a real Arthur on whom the mythical figure was based," it added.

English Heritage's chief archeologist, Geoffrey Wainwright, said that although there is no evidence to link the stone with either the historical or the legendary figure of Arthur, it was "the find of a lifetime."

Even if the stone has nothing to do with the Arthurian legend of Camelot or the quest for the Holy Grail, the centuries have not treated it kindly.

English Heritage said it had been broken in half and used as a drain cover.

King Arthur was probably a Romano-British leader in the wars against the Saxon invaders. He holds chief place in English literature of heroic imagination and a great body of legend grew around him, his knights, their quest for the Holy Grail, and his famous Round Table.

Rwandan army denies entering Congo

KIGALI (Reuters) – The Rwandan army yesterday denied it had crossed the border into the Democratic Republic of the Congo to aid a rebellion and warned President Laurent Kabila it would repel any military attack.

Rwandan army spokesman Maj. Emmanuel Ndahiro said he doubted whether Kabila's army was capable of launching an attack on Rwanda.

Kabila's government spokesman Didier Mumenge, who is also information minister, on Tuesday blamed what he termed Rwandan aggression for fighting in different parts of the Central African country since Sunday.

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A leader, not a juggler

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu must be running scared. How else can one explain the grab bag of sleight-of-hand "economic recovery ideas" that he unveiled in quick succession this week? Instead of filling the role of the solid, visionary leader that this country so badly needs at the helm in order to weather the storm of the economic recession, Netanyahu has elected to be first and foremost a politician, hoping that smoke-and-mirrors will boost his polls, in case early elections are called.

The only exception to the rabbits pulled out of the hat this week was Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's dramatic 1.5 percent interest-rate cut yesterday, and Frenkel was careful to ensure that in return for this drastic monetary kickstart to the economy, the government would commit to a 4 percent inflation target for 1999. This target is crucially important, for if inflation is once again allowed to take off, the gains behind the economy's restructuring during this present slowdown will be lost. Without price stability, there can be no real economic progress.

Netanyahu, faced with extremely perturbing and frustrating unemployment figures at 9.3 percent – representing 210,000 jobless Israelis – and what is being termed the hardest recession the country has suffered in 32 years, opened this week with the bold declaration that – hold on to your seats – he is appointing a new economic council to consider and discuss economic growth programs. Solely in an advisory capacity, of course.

This is not the first time that Netanyahu has come out with such an announcement. In the summer of 1996, fresh after an election campaign in which he had promised to restructure the shape of government by encouraging think tanks and professional advisory bodies to do what bureaucrats had done in the past, the cabinet passed a resolution to form a National Security Council and a Council of Economic Advisers. Two years later, the sum total of sessions conducted by both of these much-vaunted bodies comes to zero: They never even got started.

The composition of the reinvented economic advisory forum gives pause as well. The trinity of labor-industry-government is well represented by Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz, Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper, and a number of ministers, such as Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky. Honest cooperation among these different sectors has sometimes been known to help in pushing economies forward. Historical cases in point include Switzerland in the 1930s, the Netherlands in the '90s and even Israel in 1985, when they faced the choice of uniting to take painful decisions or declaring the bankruptcy of Zionism in the face of hyper-inflation.

But this depends critically on agreement among the participants on what is to be done. There has been no indication to date that such antagonists as Peretz and Frenkel can reconcile their widely divergent views. To expect Neeman to increase the budget deficit to appease union demands, or Frenkel to return to the days of administrative devaluations because Propper asks him to nicely in council sessions, strains credulity. If all the new council does is provide a debating forum for each side to push its pet ideas to no definite end, it will produce nothing more than a few photo-ops for the media.

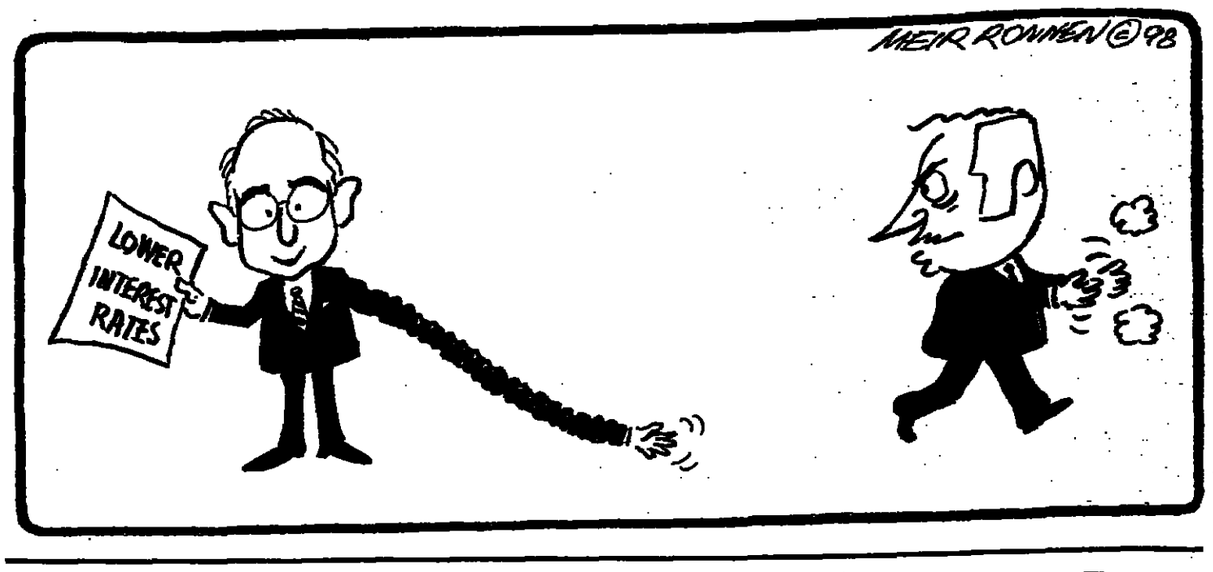
Even worse – bordering on the bizarre – was Netanyahu's order on Tuesday to Neeman and Yishai – a pair of ministers with significant disagreements on economic policy – to jointly fashion an immediate program to remove 20,000 people from the unemployment rolls. In 24 hours, no less. Netanyahu, an intelligent man with an MA in business administration from MIT, presumably understands that the creation of 20,000 jobs overnight with the wave of a hand is something one might request of the Wizard of Oz, not economists and government ministers operating in the real world. The most that can possibly be expected is a juggling of numbers to make it appear as if unemployment has receded, a nice little gimmick that can be used in election advertisements, to no real end.

Winston Churchill is credited with having said that democracy is the worst system, except for all the rest. One of the problems with granting the Knesset opposition the right to bring down the government is that it pressures governments to opt for the magic of election economics, a disaster for the nation. If Netanyahu wishes to prove that he is made of the right stuff to continue as prime minister, he needs to show that he can resist the easy way of election economics and have the courage to stay the course of fiscal responsibility and currency stability.

True job creation – as opposed to the fictional variety – can be achieved, if the correct budget choices are made now. The shrinkage in infrastructure spending must be reversed. The country is in dire need of major transportation projects, especially railroads. A bold decision to begin work simultaneously on creating express train lines between the major cities and light railways within urban centers would both stimulate jobs and increase the quality of life. Another possible infrastructure project that could galvanize the public is the creation of a state-of-the-art "information superhighway" cable and Internet network, cementing Israel's position at the forefront of the high-tech revolution. In addition, in line with the structural changes in the economy, job-retraining programs which have a dismal placement record need to be overhauled towards maximum efficiency.

All this can be achieved without horrific budget deficits, if Netanyahu can persuade Shas, Gesher, the NRP, and others that their constituents have the most to gain by forgoing their immediate budgetary demands in favor of a stable, high-growth, low-inflation economy. Attaining such a restructuring of the budget, however, requires a leader in the office of the prime minister, not a juggler.

"Nobody forced me..."



Illegitimate, if not illegal

NAOMI CHAZAN

The scene that unfolded in the village of Anata late one afternoon several weeks ago cannot easily be forgotten. In the valley, a bulldozer systematically razed the home of the Salim Shawamreh family as villagers, standing on the nearby hilltop, watched in anger.

When the wreckers began trampling the garden and chopping down the age-old olive trees, stones were hurled at the soldiers, who responded by firing into the crowd, wounding two youngsters.

Just one hour after the destruction began, nothing remained of the Shawamreh's home but rubble: a stray shoe, several spent bullets, scattered pieces of a child's Lego set – and eight homeless people.

The house demolitions the IDF has been carrying out in the West Bank should embarrass all Israelis. Regardless of whether the aim is to protect purported territorial interests, to punish the families of terrorists, or simply to instill fear in the hearts of average Palestinians, these demolitions violate international laws and moral sensibilities in a manner that most Israelis would never tolerate within their own boundaries.

As the only democratic state in the region, Israel is entitled to pride itself on its dedication to the rule of law. But as occupiers of another people since 1967, Israel has sought to rationalize and justify occupation through law, including authorizing some of the most untenable and anti-humanitarian policies currently on the books of any democratic society.

In the past 10 years, over 10,000 Palestinians in the West Bank have been left without shelter after Israeli security forces demolished their homes. Nearly 2,000 houses and hundreds of other buildings have been razed, over 300 in the past two years. Whole families have been cast into the streets, some more than once.

Why has Israel decided to torment these families? How do the authorities explain these policies, and what are their motives?

The primary justification provided by the Civil Administration and the Defense Ministry, which are responsible for construction and demolition in the occupied territories, is that these buildings have been constructed without the required building permits. Homes built without permits cannot be allowed to stand.

The reality behind this facade – which should come as no surprise – is that despite the severe need for additional housing in the West Bank, virtually no building permits have been granted by the Israeli authorities since the occupation began 30 years ago. In the past three years, the Civil Administration has granted only 82 building permits in Israeli-controlled Area C, which covers 70 percent of the West Bank. On the other hand, Area A, which is under complete Palestinian control, has become a major construction site, providing housing (and employment) for a population that has no alternative.

House demolitions, by any standard, are a gross violation of human rights

Palestinians seeking permission to build in areas still under Israeli control are well aware that their requests will lead to long waits, bureaucratic headaches, great expense and, almost inevitably, rejection and disappointment.

The Civil Administration has a long list of reasons for rejecting requests to build: cracks and loopholes in the overlap of British, Jordanian and Israeli laws effective in the West Bank, expropriation of lands by Israel for "military" and other purposes, and virtually impossible proof-of-ownership requirements are but a few.

Given the high cost of construction – particularly in relation to the low per-capita income in the West Bank – few can afford this process, and those who do are aware from the start that their efforts will most likely be in vain.

As the B'tselem human rights organization recently reported, what was once a set of orderly administrative procedures has been transformed into a labyrinthian process dictated by Israeli considerations, pertinent or not, as well as sheer obstinacy on the part of the authorities.

THE GOALS of the present Israeli government are quite clear. As long as Area C remains under Israeli control, the Netanyahu administration will continue to make every effort to shape the negotiating options through visible alterations on the ground.

Homes are destroyed to build roads that Israeli might "need" in the future; to expel Palestinians from areas surrounding Israeli settlements; and to stake out lands to which which the Palestinians may lay claim as part of the Oslo process.

Beyond these strategic – if morally indefensible – claims, however, there is no doubt that Israel also demolishes homes for purely political motives, such as meting out collective punishment for terrorist attacks. After the bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda last year, for example, 29 homes were razed in a few weeks.

How are these demolitions justified? Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai made his position eminently clear in his response to a recent parliamentary question on the subject.

Illegal building in Israeli-administered territory cannot go unpunished. Residents of these buildings are given official notice that their homes are marked for destruction, and they are granted the opportunity to appeal demolition orders. Furthermore, these warrants grant the residents the opportunity to evacuate and destroy their homes without any Israeli involvement. Only if the families refuse these requests are their homes razed.

The Defense Minister's stance ignores the substance of the issue and provides but a feeble rationalization for its practice. Mordechai glosses over the torment and chaos brought upon these families with chilling dispassion. He overlooks several key facts: First, appeals are rarely, if ever, accepted; and second, many demolition orders are carried out without sufficient notice and without giving families the opportunity to remove their belongings.

The idea that these families – who have been forced into breaking the law by the very powers which then punish them severely – could avoid Israeli bulldozers by understanding the wrong they have committed and destroying their homes themselves is preposterous. What kind of choice is this?

Quibbles over legality continue to obscure the essential illegitimacy of these acts. House demolitions, by any standard, are a gross violation of human rights. To deny the right to build on one's own land, to infringe on the sanctity of one's home, and to deny human dignity are to disgrace oneself.

Only overwhelming, life-threatening concerns under very specific circumstances can override these fundamental precepts. These extenuating conditions simply do not exist in the recent wave of house demolitions.

To tear down houses is akin to demolishing the prospects for peace. In an effort to rebuild the foundations of trust, the Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions began to reconstruct the Shawamreh family's house a week ago. On Monday, the IDF reappeared and destroyed the new structure. In many respects, the Shawamreh house has become the epitome of all that might be built together in the peace process – and of all that has been lost in its absence.

Government policies and regulations that justify demolishing the homes of innocent people and that contradict both international codes and basic morality are draconian.

Those who have been injured must be compensated for the material damage and psychological trauma they have endured. As long as Israel continues to occupy Palestinian lands, it is legally and ethically obligated to allow the Palestinians to meet their construction needs.

But this temporary answer is inadequate. The real solution to this and similar problems is to end the occupation. Immediately.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'SHOCKED AND APPALLED'

Sir, – Being one who usually views with amusement those avid readers who seemingly scour the media to seek out features which will give them the satisfaction of writing "shocked and appalled" letters of indignation; I finally find myself "shocked and appalled."

The source of this lies in Ruthie Blum's opinion piece "A good word for gossip" (August 5).

In it Blum suggests that if it wasn't for "good old" *lashon hara* (speaking slander – albeit true – about a third party), the media and historical biographies would be abolished, friendship would be devoid of intimacy and office conversation would descend into the exchange of (heaven forbid) work related subjects!

These arguments, I am disappointed to say, reflect a clear lack of research into what actually constitutes *lashon hara*. What is not *lashon hara* would include information which is of public benefit and communal good. This would have been understood if the author had attended last week's Jerusalem conference on the power of speech.

Coming as I do from a secular background and falling into the category of "newly observant," my experience has been that in a community which tries to avoid slanderous gossip, relationships are in fact greatly deepened. The fear is removed that "if he/she says that about him – what is he saying about me?"

What is so perplexing to me is that I had the belief that *lashon hara* was at least one issue that could unite both religious and secular as a shared value.

Given Ruthie Blum's sensitivity to personal issues in her advice columns, I remain stunned at her disregard of what I would regard as not simply a "religious" but a universal value, that aims to raise the dignity of all mankind.

BRETT RADLEY
Jerusalem.

ORR'S GOOD DEEDS

Sir, – I remain unconvinced that MK Ori Orr can be labeled a racist.

I am an active volunteer working among the Ethiopian community in Netanya, and many problems are brought to my attention by members of the needy families we assist.

Among these problems was the IDF's rejection of several young women who desperately wanted to serve. The army gave no reason for this rejection – the letter just said they were excused from service.

After dealing with local army officials unsuccessfully, I sent all the information to MK Orr – who doesn't know me – and asked for his help. Within two days, I had a reply from his assistant who promised that they would handle the matter.

Within one week, the young women were called in by the army and invited to their conscription offices, where their cases were reviewed. They were subsequently conscripted and served their country, as was their wish.

These Ethiopian young women would not have become the first girls in their families to serve in the army had Orr not intervened.

I know that should a similar problem arise, I can count on his help. Ori Orr is definitely not a racist. Furthermore, he is one of the few Knesset members who answers his mail. I have written to many other MKs and government ministers about problems concerning Ethiopian families and not one of them sent me a reply or acknowledgment. Ethiopians are not important enough for them.

But Orr was concerned enough to make it his business to help these young women with their absorption in Israel and we are very grateful for his support and assistance. I wish there were more MKs like him.

AIDA MILLER
Treasurer,
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Netanya.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 7, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that the opening of a new Haifa Harbor promoted a transit arrangement with Iraq.

A similar agreement with Iran was being considered. Palestine Railways announced large reductions in passenger fares.

25 years ago: On August 7, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Seamen's Union had proclaimed a general strike in the entire merchant marine with the intention of halting more than 100 ships, totaling three million tons, at their ports of call, wherever they may be. The Transport Minister, Shimon Peres, considered the sailors' demand for an 86 percent wage increase unreasonable.

Alexander Zvielli

Don't undermine AIPAC

MOSHE ZAK

Long before Ezer Weizman became president, he would tell the air force pilots under his command that Israel's natural resources are to be found in America. Whereas our Arab neighbors rely on their abundant supply of oil to influence Middle East policy, over the years Israel has relied on the affinity of American Jewry. Indeed, the Jewish lobby safeguarded the essential equilibrium which did not allow the Arab states to squeeze concessions from the US at Israel's expense.

The widely accepted myth as to the degree of influence the pro-Israel lobby holds over Congress has been extremely advantageous. Many countries seeking to secure American support for themselves fostered special relationships with Israel. For example, at the end of a successful visit during which important transactions were agreed upon, the young prime minister of a Soviet bloc country was making his farewells when his secretary whispered in his ear: "Mr. Prime Minister, you forgot to mention the most important issue." The embarrassed premier apologized and said: "I have one more request – please recommend us to Washington."

This week a group of Israelis sought to undermine this lobby. It may be hard to believe the blunt statements attributed to the Labor Party's delegation to Washington, but even if the publicity was inaccurate, they have unwittingly weakened AIPAC's status and its ability to lobby congressmen, particularly in an election year.

Administration officials constantly seek to dissuade senators from supporting AIPAC initiatives, on the grounds that they do not necessarily reflect the opinion of everyone in Israel, and certainly do not reflect the views of all Jews in America.

These officials were angered by the petition signed by 81 senators, delivered to President Bill Clinton, calling on him to pressure the Palestinians rather than Israel on the issue of the second redeployment.

These officials are unable to speak out publicly against the senators and representatives, but they are now most certainly enjoying the fact that their work is now being done for them by others who have publicly criticized AIPAC.

The public criticism which the Labor delegation showered on the pro-Israel lobby was out of place

Israel's approach to AIPAC must be debated outside the confines of party disagreements. Any opposition party which aspires to replace the current government must ensure that this organization, which has always come to our assistance, remains strong. Without AIPAC, we would not have obtained American economic and military aid at its current enormous scale, and without AIPAC the US would be subject solely to the pressure of the Arab oil lobby.

IN GENERAL, AIPAC attempts to muster congressional support for the policies of the elected government of Israel. It encouraged the 76 senators who sent a letter to president Gerald Ford requesting he accelerate the supply of arms after the administration announced a "reappraisal" of its policy in response to Yitzhak Rabin's refusal, in March 1976, to accept the American proposal for a "withdrawal line" in Sinai. This reappraisal was, in fact, meant to hold up arms deliveries.

This year, AIPAC encouraged 81 senators who, in a letter to Clinton, asked him not to pressure Netanyahu's government on redeployment. It is quite possible that in both instances there were Israelis who would have preferred American pressure to direct negotiations. Since its inception, however, AIPAC has operated according to an accepted tradition that the organization's role is to block any external pressure on Israel – and herein lies its success.

Twice over the last 50 years the US has successfully changed the composition of the Israeli government by means of pressure. On both occasions the pressure led to the collapse of a national unity government. On the first occasion, in 1970, when Golda Meir's government was asked to respond favorably to secretary of state William Rogers' demands on the terms of the cease-fire in the Suez Canal Zone, the six Likud members of the government resigned in protest.

The second occasion was when the Shamir government was asked to give a positive reply to the five questions submitted by secretary of state James Baker relating to talks with the Palestinians. The unity government disintegrated and Shamir remained prime minister without the Labor ministers.

In neither case, however, did the US succeed in changing Israeli policy.

Now, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has presented her demands to Binyamin Netanyahu's government, perhaps as a way of creating a national unity government. However, the letter signed by the 81 senators, sent at the initiative of AIPAC, prevented further pressure. This is what they are so angry about.

The truth is that AIPAC has not always approved of the Israeli government's policies. In 1982, the government was forced to fight the "Reagan Plan" alone, because the leaders of AIPAC, like the Israeli opposition, favored the plan.

The public criticism which the Labor delegation showered on the AIPAC leadership was out of place.

Israel's permanent interest, regardless of which government is in power, is to block any form of external pressure. Precedents must be prevented. If pressure is brought to bear today regarding redeployment, tomorrow it may be used on a more painful issue, such as Jerusalem.

There was certainly no room for the far-reaching accusation that AIPAC would be responsible for the victims, if as a result of a lack of American pressure on Israel, the negotiations with the Palestinians deadlocked and riots broke out. Accusations of this kind are more likely to act as a catalyst for acts of violence than are the difficulties in the negotiations.

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Tell it to Arafat

GERALD M. STEINBERG

The brutal murders of Harel Bin-Nun and Shlomo Liebman, who were ambushed and shot while they were patrolling the area around the settlement of Yitzhar Tuesday night, seems to have been planned to send a political message. Like the ambush and murder of Dov Driben from Moshav Maon, south of Hebron, a few months ago, the killings in Yitzhar appear to be an effort to destroy the small and isolated Jewish settlements.

In the eyes of many Palestinians, the Jewish settlers are not fellow human beings with a deep historic tie to and love for this land, but outsiders who are usurping what they see as exclusively "Arab land."

This hatred breeds a response in kind, as was seen again recently, when Palestinian property was vandalized in Hebron, apparently in revenge for the killing of Dov Driben.

While such violence has stained Palestinian-Israeli relations for decades, the objective of the Oslo Agreement was to break the cycle of attacks and revenge. By attempting to alter the political and security environment in a fundamental way, the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and his advisers sought to create a basis for peaceful negotiation of the end to the overall conflict, including the disputes over settlements.

The creation of a Palestinian Authority, led by PLO head Yasser Arafat, and a Palestinian police force, under the direct control of the PA, were central elements in this process.

In addition to internal security, the Palestinian police stations in the areas within the PA's jurisdiction were supposed to prevent attacks against Israelis, including those living in isolated settlements.

The region around Yitzhar is designated as Area B under the 1995 Cairo Agreement, and as such, two Palestinian police posts are located in the area. But this did not prevent the murders of Bin-Nun and Liebman.

The presence of a major base in Nablus (Area A and under complete Palestinian jurisdiction), only a few kilometers away, also did not prevent the killings.

Perhaps the PA was indifferent to the threats against the settlers, or, as some residents of Yitzhar claim, the Palestinian Police themselves were involved in the ambush and killings (which were committed with Kalashnikov rifles of the type used by the PA's forces).

WHETHER the Palestinian Police role was passive or active, these murders have given the Israelis, Europeans, Americans and others who support the Oslo process an immediate and critically important mission. To maintain any hope of peace and mutual acceptance in this generation, whether under the Oslo framework, or in some other form, the Palestinians must hear that violence and terror are unacceptable under any circumstances.

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The message will be most effective if it comes from those individuals and groups who are most sympathetic to the Palestinian cause – from Israeli members of Peace Now, and from the governments and international human-rights groups that have supported Palestinians claims and opposed the growth of settlements. The UN and European Union regularly condemn what they see as Israeli infractions in the context of the peace process, but these organizations have been far too silent in the face of Palestinian violence.

Now, the cry from these organizations against the cold-blooded murders of Israelis, regardless of where they reside, should be heard loud and clear. These groups may accept the Palestinian argument against continued settlement activity, but to have any credibility among Israelis, they must emphatically declare that murder is not the appropriate response.

This is also a chance for the new European-Palestinian security cooperation mechanism to show Israelis that they can produce results, by identifying and arresting the murderers of Bin-Nun and Liebman.

To make sure that the Palestinian "revolving door" does not allow them to go free after a brief show trial, the EU, which pays a substantial portion of the PA's bills and provides consistent political support, must verify that the punishment is appropriate for murder.

Most importantly, if the Palestinian leadership, beginning with Arafat, continues to remain silent in the face of such cold-blooded murders, this will also kill peace hopes in this generation.

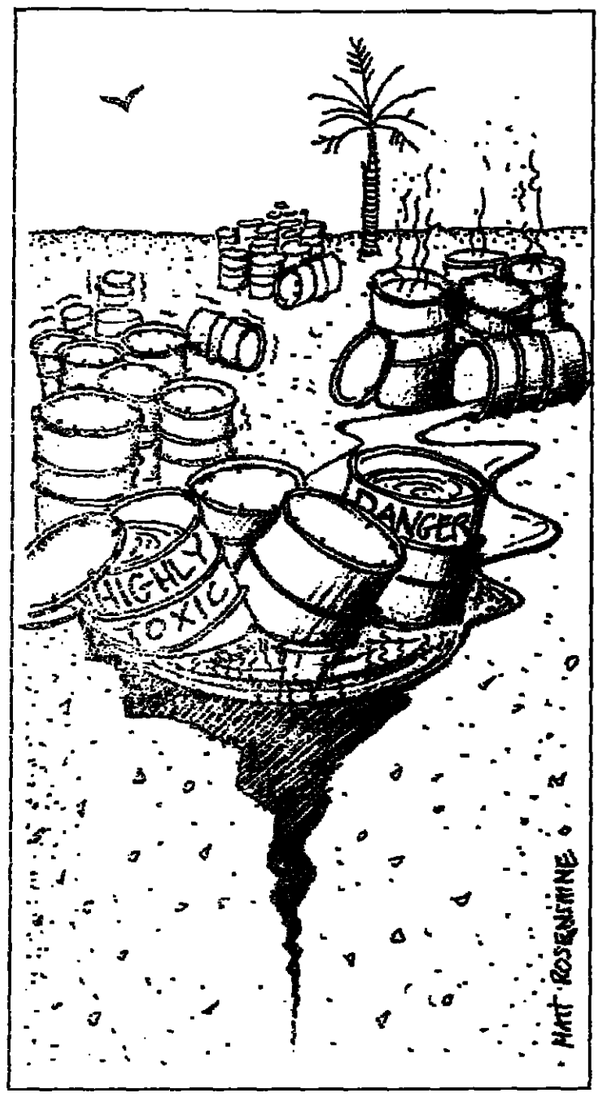
If they wish to convince the Israeli government to accept risks and concede territory, the Palestinian leadership must first convince many of the Israelis who voted for Netanyahu following the terrorist attacks in 1996 that their goals are indeed limited.

While a significant number of Israelis might accept dismantling of the isolated settlements in the context of a lasting peace agreement, the extreme Palestinian positions and the use of murder leave no room for hope.

For the peace process to succeed, it is necessary to persuade those Israelis, who are hesitant and unsure about the credibility of Palestinian commitments to peaceful coexistence, that the era of terrorism will finally end. Why should Israelis agree to any further withdrawals, let alone to a Palestinian state, if the brutality will continue as the Palestinians demand unending concessions and continue to view all Israelis as "settlers?"

If the murders at Yitzhar were designed to press Israel to make concessions in the stalled peace talks, the impact will have the opposite effect. In the face of violence, it will be harder for any Israeli government to change its policies and take risks.

On the other hand, if the murders were a sign that the Palestinian leadership still sees terror as a primary instrument in the confrontation with Israel, the result will be yet another generation of tragedy for both peoples.



Clueless in the Negev

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A huge black mushroom of smoke inched towards Beersheba from the south. The cloud was accompanied by an acrid, nauseating odor that caused panic among residents. Anxious citizens called the authorities, asking if they should flee. The army considered moving troops out of the area...."

The description could easily refer to this week's near-calamity at the national toxic waste dump at Ramat Hovav, when a huge fire erupted in a shed in which lithium batteries were stored. The smoke and fumes released before the fire was finally contained set off a panic among residents of the area.

But in fact the above quote is from a seven-part *Jerusalem Post* series on the disposal of toxic waste we co-authored in 1983. If the *Post* ran the series again today – with a few changes in names, titles, and quantities – it would still be relevant, and very scary.

ANOTHER phenomenon unchanged since 1983 is the seemingly elitist attitude toward the Negev, the "periphery," seen from Jerusalem to be peopled merely by Beduin and other nobodies. That out of sight, out of mind mentality must be addressed first if any permanent, positive change is to be effected.

For the past 15 years, the approach has been a patchwork of temporary solutions.

One positive development since 1983 has been the creation of a full-fledged Environment Ministry, in theory the one-stop agency responsible for Israel's environmental concerns. There should be one single authority in charge of the full spectrum of environmental matters.

Israel is so minuscule that we cannot afford to risk contamination of even one small area

Unfortunately, even this development is partial and wanting, because the ministry lacks both a comprehensive approach to the issue of toxic waste and the budget that would allow it to do serious clean-ups. It is a sad day when Environment Minister Rafael Eitan blithely tells reporters, as he did this week: "We don't even know the contents of the barrels buried at the site." This is exactly the situation that we uncovered in 1983.

One thing that has changed is that as more information arrives, the more unfortunate the choice of the Ramat Hovav site appears. Expert studies carried out in the 1970s concluded that it was an ideal site, since it has no access to the water table and thus could not pollute it. The original concept was that the site was to be operated as a treatment plant, and not merely as a dumping ground.

But we now know that the experts were wrong, because the porous chalk of which the ground is composed aids in the leaching of dangerous chemicals into the aquifer. Moreover, Ramat Hovav is only 18 kilometers from an expanding Beersheba. The site has been operated only as a dump until very recently, when a too-small incinerator was finally installed. All in all, then, there is no certainty that the health of the 250,000 people living within a 20-km. radius of the site is not being compromised.

Nobody knows the extent of toxic waste in the country, most of which, according to the Israel Union for Environmental Defense, never even reaches Ramat Hovav. The site seems totally unprepared for the variety, quantity, and properties of the materials it must treat. Adequate funds have not been allocated to deal with a problem that poses a genuine threat to the well being of the country's residents.

The attitude still persists that our toxic waste problems are minuscule compared to those of other industrial nations. But Israel itself is minuscule. We cannot afford to risk contamination of even one small area.

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Middle Israel
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The new alchemist

The old alchemist sought to fathom man's relation to the cosmos and create gold by mixing, painting, and transfusing myriad liquids, salts, and metals.

The new alchemist mixes conservative lingo with populist jingo, paints harsh quandaries a happy pink and budding daffodils a somber black, and transfuses wealth from here to there and from there to here until the dazzled taxpayer loses track of what started off as the hard-won toil of his very own bent back.

The old alchemist, who sprouted everywhere from ancient Greece and India to medieval China and Arabia, tinkered with pseudo-science and harmed few. The new alchemist, albeit an MIT graduate who prides himself on his intimate familiarity with high tech, balance sheets and financial markets, harms us all by assuming that machinations, slogans, photo-ops, and a general mockery of the governmental vocation can substitute for solid planning.

Since pre-state times, Labor Zionism used to disparage its rightist opponents for their ostensible lack of governmental acumen. Sadly, when the Likud finally wrested power from the Left, those assessments proved not only true, but even understated. Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir emerged as colossal failures on the domestic front, showing limited interest in, and failing to affect the economy, other than to generate a memorable runaway inflation.

And so, when Israeli-born and American-bred Binyamin Netanyahu assumed the premiership, there was widespread expectation that the Likud would finally herald a long-overdue era of free-spirited, affordable, and energetic economics the like of which had never been seen here.

Indeed, days before the '96 election – when the Hebrew press still largely ignored Netanyahu, whether out of tendentiousness, ignorance, or both – we sent a correspondent to cover a speech of his on economics. On returning, the reporter, Jacob Dalal, said that beyond the conspicuously sparse attendance, he had heard a fascinating speech about massive land sales, fast trains, subways, tax cuts, instant company privatizations, monopoly break-ups, and what not.

Then, when Bibi actually took power, we sought his privatization blueprint, in vain. "It's still being polished," came the reply week after week.

A few weeks later, when we met him, we asked Bibi how he could have sought office without a game plan with which to implement his many economic slogans. "There are things," he whispered as if sharing some nuclear secret, "that one cannot adequately probe until actually seated around the cabinet table."

Sure enough, when a vague document concerning the sale of state-owned assets was finally presented to the media, it proved to have been pretty much what the previous government had left in Yossi Beilin's drawer.

SHORTLY ahead of that meeting, Netanyahu had assembled a group of business journalists for a discussion of his economic worldview. On the theoretical side, it was lovely; we all agreed on the need for small government and a solid currency, as well as vibrant labor, housing, and capital markets. On the practical side, however, when we asked whether the PM would confront a bastion of statism such as the Electric Corporation, the way Margaret Thatcher had with Britain's coal miners, Netanyahu quipped: "Why would I start off with the nut that's hardest to crack?"

A few days earlier, in a broad economic consultation with senior business leaders and Treasury, Trade Ministry, and Bank of Israel officials, Netanyahu was presented a blueprint for de-monopolizing the Ports Authority. Making Ashdod and Haifa compete with each other, he was told, would significantly reduce the costs of both imports and exports, thereby accelerating trade and reducing prices."

At that point – one non-political participant reminisced this week – the alchemist in Netanyahu came forth: "This is all lovely," he said, "but it's also complex and time consuming; I need something simple which can be done elegantly and quickly, something that will immediately make the public feel in a painless way how good our reforms are actually bound to be."

"When I heard that attitude," the official, a Hebrew University Ph.D. in economics, said, "I knew he wasn't going to do anything."

Surely, Netanyahu may still have two or so years in office and, who knows, maybe by election day we will see a subway in Tel Aviv, a light milway in Jerusalem, a Haifa-Beersheba bullet train, a deep tax cut, and also that massive land sale Netanyahu once promised. Even so, besides all this being no longer realistic, there is no escaping the conclusion that prior to his election Netanyahu scattered reform promises, while having cynically failed to actually plan them. My *Ha'aretz* colleague David Makovsky recalls candidate-Bibi telling him he had Dan Meridor working on a "first 100-day plan," only to hear from Meridor that he knew nothing about it.

And so, thanks to that kind of charlatanism, the government still holds the very same 93 percent of our real estate which Bibi said he would largely – and "quickly" – shed; that is why the tax burden hasn't been eased by a bit; that is why rail transportation has not only not been revolutionized but in fact the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv route has now been closed; that is why ours is still that bloated, half-of-GDP-sized public sector which it was under Labor; and that is why all the monopolies which Netanyahu found upon assuming office are still there, from the Electric Corporation to Egged.

This column has repeatedly attacked Labor's spendthrift counter-economics of statism and favoritism, but there is no arguing that when Yitzhak Rabin said, during the '92 election campaign, that he would build highways, increase the education budget, and raise public-sector salaries, he actually meant it and ultimately delivered on those promises.

Now, the more he sets up Potemkin economic councils, pompously orders cabinet ministers to deliver 20,000 job-solutions "within 24 hours," and nonchalantly decrees massive foreign-worker expulsions which he knows will never take place, we must sadly conclude that Netanyahu cannot deliver on his rosy economic promises because, like Shamir and Begin before him, he simply doesn't know how to govern.

The old alchemists often really believed their concoctions could produce precious substances. The new alchemist apparently also believed his promises when he made them two years ago. But does he believe them today? We certainly don't.

Seffi's asses

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Seffi Rachlevsky, self-proclaimed expert in Torah thought, has written a big best-seller. True, *The Messiah's Donkey* is still unpublished, but few doubt that its hot message will find a large audience.

The buzz is not hard to figure out. Rachlevsky has written nothing less than a Jewish *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Three times in a recent *Ha'aretz* interview, he charges that virtually all Orthodox Jews are educated from birth in three cardinal principles: Non-Jews are not humans; women are quasi-people and radically inferior; and the blood of secular Jews may be shed with impunity.

I must have missed the initiation ceremony.

Rachlevsky's other findings include: "The vast majority of religious Israelis are messianic ultra-Orthodox"; "nearly all the more prominent rabbis in Israel gave the command to carry out the sentence [to assassinate prime minister Yitzhak Rabin]"; Rabbis Yitzhak Kadourie and Mordechai Eliahu view Prime Minister Netanyahu as Mashiach ben Yosef because his name is Binyamin; and Netanyahu and Rabbi Kadourie get together to discuss taking revenge against secular pseudo-Jews.

Refuting such incoherent ranting is like arguing with an asylum inmate.

Rachlevsky wildly lumps together the haredi and national-religious worlds under one rubric: "ultra-Orthodox messianists." Though his book purports to be about messianism, he ignores the great historical divide between the two movements over whether the State of Israel represents the "first flowering of the redemption."

Irony of ironies, haredim and national-religious alike are all placed under the banner of Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook, even though his philosophical works are almost unread in haredi yeshivot.

Rachlevsky "proves" that "nearly all" rabbis condoned the Rabin assassination from the fact that they did not don sackcloth and rend their garments. If so, then Shimon Peres did, too. Every wacko statement by one rabbi is immediately extrapolated by Rachlevsky to mainstream opinion.

For his piece de resistance, Seffi transforms Rabbi Kook, who died in 1935, into a rabid hater of secular Jews, whom he viewed "as worse than Nazis." That's right – the same Rabbi Kook viewed by disciples and opponents alike as the great champion of secular Jews.

In Rabbi Kook's dialectical philosophy, the secular builders of the Land played a necessary role in the redemption.

Their *nefesh* (soul), in his view, was healthier than that of the haredim, who had not yet heard the bells of redemption. Far from secular Jews becoming expendable at the completion of the process of redemption, Rabbi Kook assumed that with the advent of the messiah *Klal Yisrael* would be bound together in unity.

What would happen if a yeshiva 'bochur' produced a work identifying the central tenets of modern Israeli society as: Women are objects of pleasure and religious Jews are parasites?

BESIDES conspiracies involving hundreds of thousands of religious Jews, Rachlevsky's febrile imagination has now detected another conspiracy: His publisher – *Yediot Aharonot* – is delaying publication of his book because of religious pressure.

Rushing to Rachlevsky's banner, Am Hofshi, an association for freedom from thought, placed ads in *Ha'aretz*, signed by leading academicians and other members of the local intelligentsia, denouncing censorship and demanding that *Yediot* issue Rachlevsky's diatribe forthwith.

The Am Hofshi ads are emblematic of much of what is wrong with the intellectual life in this country. Every dispute becomes a matter of the parties involved, not the principles. It was enough for the Am Hofshi signatories to know that Rachlevsky's book attacks the religious population to know that it must be published immediately. No other information was relevant.

Did it ever occur to the enlightened signatories that there is something inherently ridiculous about the charge that a publisher which daily publishes advertisements for any prostitute willing to pay cash on the barrel had fallen prey to an invasion of religious body-snatchers on whose behalf it is willing to forgo a financial bonanza?

More importantly, did it occur to these academics that a publisher has the right – even the duty – not to foist demonstrable nonsense on the public and to demand some proof for defamatory allegations published under its banner?

Far from subjecting Rachlevsky to stringent standards, *Yediot* eagerly entered into a contract for his secular call to arms prior to even reading his manuscript. Later, *Yediot* capitulated to Seffi's refusal to supply supporting footnotes or other documentation for his claims.

The nefarious *Yediot* censor turned out to be Yehuda Meltzer, a card-carrying secular leftist, who has himself published numerous controversial works.

As the editor hired by *Yediot* for the book, Meltzer's sole request of Seffi was that he document his charge that Rabbi Kook viewed secular Jews as worse than Nazis. This he has failed to do over a period of weeks, even as he had time for numerous interviews touting his revelations and denouncing the censors.

In a July 17 article in *Yediot*, Meltzer describes how the original manuscript of *The Donkey's Messiah* was both unreadable and produced wonderment in all outside readers who looked at it. Yet that did not deter *Yediot*, which has not forgotten why it's in business.

In Meltzer's words, "If it's controversial – great; if that sells a lot of books – also great."

Now let's imagine that instead of Seffi Rachlevsky's wild imprecations against all religious Jews in Israel, a yeshiva *bochur*, who could quote random passages from Durkheim, Marx and Freud, had produced a work identifying the central tenets of modern Israeli society as: Women are objects of pleasure and religious Jews are parasites.

And say further that he "revealed" that the vast majority of secular Jews condone or are actively plotting sterilization of religious Jews to offset their demographic growth.

Would Am Hofshi be demanding immediate publication of such a work, with or without any supporting documentation? Or would it denounce any publisher who dared to bring forth the book for irresponsible incitement and a lack of all standards?

Want to take bets?

Tender for the purchase of The Washington Hotel, Tiberias - real estate, operating rights, goodwill and equipment

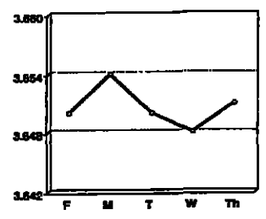
1. Bids are invited for the purchase of the "Assets", as described below:
   1.1. The ownership rights in property known as Parcels 51, 98 and 128, Block 15002, in the Nazareth Land Registry, consisting of a building of five floors in Kiryat Shmuel, Tiberias, a hotel known as the Washington Hotel (the "Property", "Hotel").
   1.2 The right to operate the hotel, and the goodwill as a going concern.
   1.3 Equipment, furniture, and the contents of the hotel, in accordance with the inventory (the "Inventory of Stock").
2. The Property will be sold as is, and the responsibility to check the legal status, physical state, and town-planning status of the Property falls completely on the bidder, as does the responsibility to check all significant details regarding the Property, including the utilization possibilities, debts, taxes, fees, business license, and all expenses associated with the hotel.
   The undersigned will not be responsible for any situation and/or damage, and/or lack of suitability, in connection with this Property.
3. Bids for the purchase of the Assets should be submitted in writing, not later than October 15, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., at the office of the undersigned, 14 Abba Hillel Silver (Beit Oz), Ramat Gan 52506, Tel. 03-576 9988, Fax. 03-751 5745.
   The bid should include the bidder's name, his ID number or other identification number, and the amount bid, which should be itemized to show the amount offered for each element of the Assets. Bids should be in US dollars, and payment will be made, in accordance with the representative rate of exchange of the dollar. An autonomous bank guarantee for 5% of the bid total, made out to the undersigned, and valid for four months, should be attached to the bid.
4. If a bidder whose bid is accepted reneges or refuses to sign the sale agreement, the guarantee will be taken up, as agreed fixed compensation.
5. A draft agreement of sale, together with an Inventory of Stock, and a copy of a valuation of the property made on February 26, 1998, are available at the office of the undersigned.
6. A tour of the Hotel will be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 3, and at 11:00 a.m. on September 27, 1998. A representative of the Receiver will accompany these tours.
   Although not obligated to do so, the undersigned is prepared to conduct additional tours of the Hotel, if this proves necessary, if an appointment is made with the undersigned beforehand. Those interested in such an additional tour should provide their full details at the office of the undersigned.
7. No undertaking is given to accept the highest or any bid. The right is reserved to conduct negotiations at any stage with bidders and/or others or to hold an auction among bidders and to extend the period for submitting bids, all at the sole discretion of the undersigned.
8. The sale is subject to the approval of Tel Aviv District Court - Insolvency Case No. 42/98.
9. No commission will be paid.

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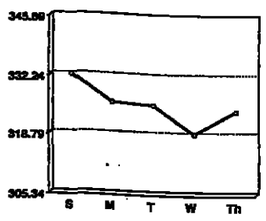
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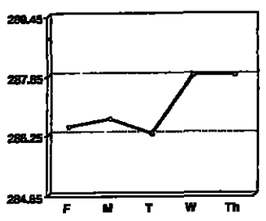
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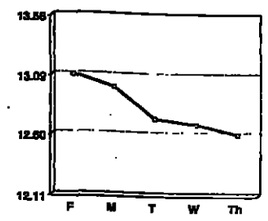
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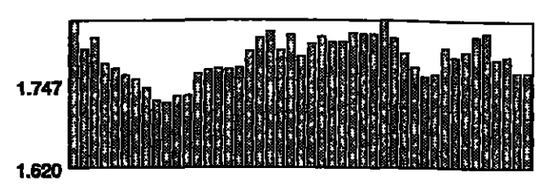
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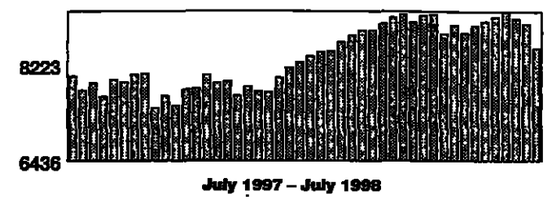


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Survey: 2000 bug will affect most computers

Some 70 percent of government computer systems worldwide will have trouble or imperfections in their computer systems when the year 2000 arrives, according to a worldwide survey by GartnerGroup.

The most problems are expected in South America, the CIS, and the Middle East. While Israel is considered to be in a relatively good situation in its preparation for the 2000 bug, this does not mean it will necessarily be ready, according to the information technology consultancy group.

The biggest risks associated with the bug is in power stations, air traffic control, intensive care units and other control systems.

Twenty-nine percent of information technology budgets are being spent on 2000 conversion projects this year, compared with 5% last year, the survey found.

Despite the amount of resources invested in year 2000 projects, budgets for information systems among organizations did not grow from 1997 to 1998, according to the study, conducted among 15,000 organizations, including companies and government agencies, in 87 countries.

Gartner's estimate is that a total of between $300. and $600b. will be spent globally in solving the problem to solve the year 2000 problem.

Check Point keeps No.1 spot in firewall market

Check Point Software Technologies has maintained its No. 1 position in the firewall security solutions market, with a 23% share, according to a study by the International Data Corporation of the market in 1997.

The Ramat Gan-based company had a 22% share in the 1996 study.

Cisco was ranked in the No 2. spot with a 19 percent share, down from 21% in 1996. Axent Technologies (which acquired Raptor Systems) has a 7% percent followed by Network Associates (acquired Trusted Information Systems) and CyberGuard with 6% and a 5% market share respectively.

The study said that from 1996 to 1997 overall firewall revenues grew 143 percent. IDC did not release figures for the current firewall market value, but it can be estimated at some $500 million, based on Check Point's revenues.

The growth was attributed by IDC by firewall upgrades as the Internet matured and demand for multiple Internet and intranet firewalls, and a steep growth in the use of extranets and virtual private networks (VPNs).

According to the research, the market is expected to reach $1.8 billion by 2002, although growth will gradually slow over the next few years.

The United States will remain the strongest market, but the European and Asia/Pacific markets will grow much faster as a percentage of worldwide sales, IDC said.

BIRD to support voice-dialing project

BIRD, the US-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development foundation, is to support a joint project between Gaya Industries Software of Israel and Technology Control Services of the US for the development of a telephony system which will replace dialing with speech commands.

The development will enable the use of calling cards anywhere in the world, even in locations with no tone dialing, according to BIRD. The development of such an expensive infrastructure for speech recognition will enable the operation of more sophisticated telephony services using speech commands.

The project is expected to take 14 months to complete at a cost of $1.5 million.

According to BIRD director Dov Hershberg, the companies estimate that within five years, income from the project will total some $18 million.

Gaya, based in Yehud, was established three years ago and had sales of $1.5m. last year, while TCS has revenues of $46m.

Teva's 2nd-qtr. net plunges 50%

Profits drop to $17.1m., on sales of $247.1m.

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries reported yesterday that its second-quarter net income plunged 50 percent to $17.1 million, from $33.9m. a year earlier.

Israel's largest pharmaceutical company said that sales fell 8.7%, to $247.1m., from $270.7m. in the second quarter of 1997.

Although Teva had announced in June that sales during the first two months of the quarter were lower than expected, analysts did not predict such a sharp decrease.

"The second quarter was the worst and most difficult quarter we have had in many years," said Eli Hurvitz Teva's president and CEO. "We very firmly believe that the worst is now behind us, and that our company's overall performance in the second half of this year will show marked improvement."

For the first six months of 1998, net income totaled $42.2m. compared to $65.4m. for the first half of 1997. Sales for the first six months decreased to $515.7m., from $538.2m.

The main reason for the decline was a decrease in pharmaceutical sales in the US, which represent 39% of the company's total sales. Teva said that sales of its Clonazepam anti-convulsant drug fell by $30m. in the second quarter, with no new generic approvals to offset the decline.

Shmuel Ben-Eliezer, head of research at Solid Financial Markets, said he is not disappointed by the results.



Eli Hurvitz (Israel Sun)

"I have predicted earnings per share [EPS] of only $0.32, which is only slightly higher than the $0.28 presented by the company," Ben-Eliezer said adding that the majority of analysts expected EPS of $0.4.

Ben-Eliezer also said that he maintains his "strong-buy" recommendation for the share although he may lower the earnings forecast for the third quarter.

He added that its too early to to know if management's claims for the second half of the year are reasonable. According to him, much depends on the receiving of further approvals for Teva's new products from the US Food and Drug Association (FDA).

The company has already filed 13 drugs for FDA approval, with another five filed by Biovail, with which Teva has licensing agreement. According to Hurvitz, Teva's current generic pipeline is potentially the strongest and richest it has ever been.

Ben-Eliezer said, however, that if the company doesn't get such these approvals soon the recovery may be witnessed only in the fourth quarter of the year.

He added that he is encouraged by the fact that sales of the Copaxone, Teva's multiple sclerosis treatment and most promising product, have improved, and that sales in Israel have increased.

The acquirement of Dutch pharmaceutical company Pharmachemie is also expected to improve the company's position, the analyst added.

Scitex growth hurt by digital video losses

RESULTS

By NINA GILBERT

Scitex Corporation reported second quarter profits of $3 million yesterday, compared with $156,000 in the same quarter last year, when it returned to the black after two years of losses.

However, the Herzliya-based company's recovery is continuing to be hampered by its digital video unit, whose revenues in the second quarter were $9m., down 43 percent from $16m. in the same quarter last year. Total company revenues in the quarter were $171m., up 2% compared with $167m. in the same quarter in 1997.

Company CEO Yoav Chelouche said that despite the digital video unit's dampening effect, "we see growth in revenues and profitability in core businesses.

Chelouche said the company is "working to reduce or remove the negative impact of the digital video division."

The company has told analysts that it is looking to sell the digital video business, which comprises only 10% of Scitex. Losses by the division are estimated at some $4m. a quarter, according to one analyst.

Sales to Asia have dropped from 8% of the company's business a year ago to 5.5% this quarter, Chelouche said. "Japan is Scitex's biggest market in Asia and the company has been feeling the impact of the recession for some time," he added.

Chelouche said some new advanced digital technology products would enter the market in the second half of the year.

In the first half of the year, revenues were $330m., unchanged from the same period in 1997. Net loss in the first half was $38.5m., including a one-time charge of $44.3m. for acquired in-process research and development. Excluding this charge, first half net income was $5.7m.

Scitex, a provider of digital solutions for graphics communications, was once among Israel's most successful high-tech companies. But it experienced difficulties due to changes in the marketplace.

ForSoft, part of the Formula Group, reported a 116% increase in revenues in the second quarter to $13m., compared with $6m. in the same period last year. Net income for the quarter rose 142% to $2m. from $800,000 last year.

In the first half of the year, net income was $3.9m. compared with $800,000 last year, while revenues for the first half were $25.1m., up 108% compared with $12m. last year.

ForSoft, based in Herzliya, makes business systems and software applications for large organizations. Formula is Israel's largest public information technology group.

Crystal Systems Solutions, another subsidiary of the Formula Group, announced a 78% increase in net income in the second quarter to $2.27 million compared to $1.27 million, in the same period last year.

Revenues for the quarter grew 24.5% to $10.8m. over the first quarter of 1998, and 78% versus $6.1m. million reported in the second quarter of 1997.

For the first half of the year, revenues were $19.5m., reflecting an increase of 100% over the $9.6m. reported in the first six months of 1997. Net income for the first half of 1998 was $4.2 million, up 142% from $1.7m. in the first half of 1997.

"Crystal's strong revenue growth is being fueled by an increased demand for conversion projects from both new and existing customers," said Ben Levy, vice president for marketing. "Repeat business from companies such as Ford and Pratt & Whitney are two examples of long-time Crystal customers who re-contracted with us during the quarter." Crystal Systems Solutions is a provider of conversion technology, tools, and services.

Point of Sale also issued second quarter results yesterday, in its first reporting period since it completed its initial public offering on Nasdaq in the US last month which raised $13.5 million.

Net income for the second quarter was $902,000, compared with $56,000 in the same quarter last year. Revenues were up 43% to $3.9m. compared with $2.7m.

The Herzliya-based company makes software solutions, mostly for the food retailing industry. The company also said it had recently signed an agreement with Cellcom for its retail outlets and made pilot installations in IKEA in-store restaurants.

In the first half of the year, net income rose to $1.7m. from $266,000 last year. Revenues grew 45% to $7.4m., compared with $5.1m. in the same period last year.

German jobless rate at 20-month low

NUREMBERG (Bloomberg) – Germany's seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to a 20-month low of 10.9 percent in July, the Bundesbank said, as a faster-growing economy encouraged companies to take on extra workers.

Jobless rolls dropped by 37,000, the seventh consecutive decline, after falling a revised 52,000 in June. Without adjusting for seasonal shifts in the labor market, joblessness rose by 59,410 people.

Employment rose by 42,000 people in May, further proof that more people joined the workforce.

The decline in joblessness from a post-war record in December last year reflects increased investment by companies in Western Germany. In the five Eastern states, spending by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government on job-creation programs ahead of federal elections on September 27 has been cited as the main reason for falling unemployment.

"In Western Germany, there are clear effects from the improving economy," said Marco Kramer, an economist at Banque Paribas. "There we're seeing the impact of an economic recovery, not just the result of a government that's trying to influence the election." Unemployment fell by 23,000 in Western Germany. Unemployment in Eastern Germany, which makes up a 10th of the economy, fell by 14,000.

The July figures are the penultimate set before Germany goes to the polls.

Both Kohl's coalition government and the opposition Social Democratic Party are eager to lure voters with pledges to cut unemployment. Kohl's CDU party is trailing the SPD by 4 points, recent opinion polls show.

Eastern Germans in particular, who have twice given Kohl the margin he needed to win re-election, look set to punish him this year for the slack growth and near-record joblessness in the region.

"The government is doing what it can to brush up the job market picture before the election," said Ulrich Beckmann, an economist at Deutsche Bank AG.

The unadjusted unemployment rate rose to 10.7% from 10.5%. The rate rose to 9.1% from 8.9% in Western Germany and to 17.4% from 17.2% in Eastern Germany.

The jobless total rose to 4.134 million from 4.075 million.

German bonds were little changed after the report was released. The yield on the 10-year benchmark bond fell 1 basis point to an all-time low of 4.58%.

Germany's carmakers have been among the most eager to employ extra staff this year as they ride on booming demand from Western Europe and the US Daimler Benz AG, Germany's biggest company, boosted its German workforce by 3% to 6,691 people in the first half from the same period last year.

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	450	0
Africa Israel 0.1	20400	0
Africa Israel 1	183000	-0.6
Agis	2420	0.8
Al Paper Mills	13140	4
Al-Rov	2660	-3.8
Azorim	2820	4.8
Azorim Prop	620	0
Bank Leumi 0.1	687	2.8
Baran	2850	1.8
Bayside 1	45500	1.1
Bayside 5	208200	0.1
Bezeq	1243	1.1
Blue Square	5030	1
Broshe	3030	2
Cal Electronics	54300	2.2
Cal Industries	3030	2.5
Cal Insurance	3720	4
Cal Israel 1	9600	-1.8
Dan Hotels	1140	0
Dankner	2130	0
Delisa	683	-1
Dead Sea Works 0.1	636	1.9
Delek 0.1	11400	-1.6
Delek Car	637	1.1
Development Mort	21900	1.4
Discount Bank	478	0.8
Discount Inv.	11710	2.9
Elbit 0.003	689	1
Elbit imaging	3010	2
Elbit System	4740	1.9
Elco	1801	1.1
Elco Industries	3250	0
Electra	19830	2
Electra App	2270	2.6
Elite Ind. 1	2300	0.9
Elite Ind. 5	11210	-2.6
Elron 0.003	6250	-3.5
FIBI 5	3310	1.8
First Int'l 1	488	-0.2
First Int'l 5	2470	1.6
First Int'l Mort	48200	-0.8
Formula	11550	1.4
General Bank	10540	1.3
Granot Hacarmel	710	-0.6
Hadarim Prop	5400	1.9
Ham-Let	2080	0
Hapoalim 0.1	1053	3.3
Harel Mishmar 1	3360	1.2
Harel Mishmar 5	15640	0.9
I.D.B. Dev.	3870	3.4
I.D.B. Holding	9640	3.3
IDC	2230	3.6
Ind Bldgs	607	2.1
Israel Chemicals	482	2.4
Israel Corp 1	28600	0.3
Israel	651	0
Jefora	793	-0.9
JCT	382	0.8
JEC	1650	1.7
Kitan	328	-0.3
Knafaim	5000	-3
Koor	40800	1.5
Leader	1223	-2.2
Leumi Insurance	214	3.7
Leumi Mortgage	75400	-0.8
Lidaz	3770	1.1
Makhteshim Agun Ind.	1071	2.3
Maman	508	0
Matab	4570	0.4
Mehadrin	13000	2.2
Mei Eden	1600	-3.1
Melisaron	1040	0
Menorah Ins.	2050	0
Migdal	1548	0
Mishkan	86300	1.1
Mizrahi Inv.	8630	-1.2
NATSVA REGULAR	1260	2.2
Nice Systems	12770	-3.6
Ofek	7360	-2
Orbit	1250	-8.2
Ormat Industries	548	2.7
Osem Industries	1771	2.5
Petrochemicals	2080	1.4
Phoenix Ins. 1	5730	0
Positiv Inv.	11820	-0.9
Prop. & Bldg.	33100	-0.3
Salt Industries	2040	0
Scitex Bons	4450	1.6
Supersol	1184	1.5
Tadiran	13480	1.5
Tambour	599	6.3
Telsiot	191000	-0.2
Tempo	1674*	0
Teva	11760	-3.4
Urdan	257	2.7
Wire and Cables	1987	1.9
Ytong Industries	686	0.2

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	379	0
Bikurim Holdings	1 396	0
Afeka	1.3	0
Abuot	44.1	-2
Ace-Spedit	92.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	164	0
Ackerstein Ind.	526	2.1
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1720	3.3
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7320	2.3
adalom	36.5	0
Adanim	356031	0
Adler	116	0
Adelta	143.5	0
Adumim	187.5	1.6
Africa Hotels Bond B	91.5	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	58.3	2.1
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	133.3	0.2
Afsko Ind.	1060	0
Agr. Warrant 5	25	0
Agr. Warrant 4	497	-5
Agrotech 1	380	0
Agrot Investment	530	0
Al-Bad	113.5	-5
Al-Bad Bond A	106.5	-6.2
Alhi 32	93.5	-0.2
Alhi w6	145.7	-4.3
Alliance	665	0.2
Alon	289	0
Alony-Hetz	509	-0.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	236	-0.4
Alrad	169	0
Alrad Warrant 1	5	0
Alrov Bond D	76.3	0.4
Alrov Warrant 5	326	-14.3
Alumir	207	0
Alumit	1907	0
Amiger	179	0
Amilec	237	0
Ammell Warrant 1	30	13.3
Ammex	615	0.8
Ampa Investments	117000	-0.6
Analyst EMS	770	0
Angel Trade	31.4	10.2
Angel Trade Bond A	145	0
Angel Trade Bond B	105	0
Angel Trade Bond C	54.5	0
Apcon	964	-0.6
Apcon warrant 1	291	0
Applicom	3500	-0.9
Aracell Warrant 2	424	-0.2
Arad	1450	0
Arad Towels	667	0
Arazim	74	-5.1
Arazim Bond 1	240	0
Argaman	260	3.8
Arkadian	1067	4
Arpel	330	0
Arpl	125	-4.4
Ashkelon Plywood	567	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	248	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	129	0
Ashlad	373	3.9
Ashlad Bond A	154	0.7
Ashot	313	0.3
Ashot Bond A	166	0.8
Ashpara	79	0
Ashtrom	174	0.6
Ashtrom Bond 1	151	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	488	-2.9
Ashtrom Ind.	210	3.3
Ashtrom Prop.	86	0
Astrom P Bond 1	94	0
Astrom p warrant a	24	0
Astrum Bond C	94.2	0.4
Astrum Warrant 2	25.6	0
Atilon	79	-9.7
Atmor	2280	-2.6
ATX	190	0
ATX Bond A	154.5	0
Atzmon	220	0
Aura	3840	-0.5
Avarot	386	2.1
Avarot Bond A	181	0
Averbuch Formiss	538	0
Aviv	304	0
Aviv Bond 1	154	0
Aviv Bond 2	67.5	0
Avnet	2.1	0
Avnet Bond 2	91.5	0
Avnet Warrant 2	55	7.7
Avnet Warrant 3	461	0
Avalon	480	0
Azimuth	179	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	415	3.6
Azorim Warrant 19	97.1	0.1
Azorim Warrant 5	592	0.4
Azorim Warrant A	600	0
Azorim Warrant B	34.1	0
Badash Bond 1	400	0
Bahlis	150	0
Balantina 1	130	0
Balantina Bond A	6.9	0
Balantina Warrant 2	2750	8.4
Balnor	95.2	-5
Bama'asat	143.3	0.1
Bama'asat Bond A	329	5.8
Bar	124.5	0
Bar Bond A	258	0
Barad	798	0
Baranowitz	780	0
Barkan	98.5	-0.5
Barsol	226	0
Bartal	163.5	0
Baumal Moshe	88.7	0.2
BayGlde Bond 2	2100	0
BayGde Warrant D	1640	-0.4
Beit Shamash	379	-0.3
Belmon	165	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	79	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	3193	0.5
Ben Yakar Gaf	183	0
Benmin	127.2	0.2
Bezek Bond 3	2760	4.7
Bezek Bond 4	0	0
Bezeq Warrant 3	362	2.8
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	1940	1.2
Bilu	150	0
Bilu Bond A	400	-2
Binor	218	0
Biri	76.5	0
Bokos Bond B	42.5	0
bokos gad warrant 1	605	0
Bonei Tichon	456	-1.9
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Boulous Brothers	153.3	3.3
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	263	0
Boulous GD Bond A	133.5	0.4
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	56.5	0
Brok Sela	15.8	-10.2
Brosh	112	0
Building Bank	1725	4.7
Building Resou	3470	-0.9
C Holdings	570	15.4
C Holdings Bond 5	84	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	1	0
Caesarea 1	4900	0
Canel	3480	-2.6
Capital	810	0
Capital Bond A	113.5	0
Caprice	308	1
Carpel	840	0
Carmel	520	0
Carmel	464	0
Casino	525	0.2
Catalena 1	368	-0.5
CDI	164.5	0
Cementacal Bond A	70	0.4
Cementacal	428	-0.5
Centra	143	0
Centre Bond 1	125.5	0
Chem	458	-1.3
Chayun Computers	142	0
Chemipal	444	0
Chem-Ne	620	2.1
CI Systems	171	0
Cidab	148	-0.3
Cial Computers	9240	-1.9
Cial Israel 5	0	0
Cial Retail	54044	-2.5
Cohen Bera	123.5	0
Cohen Dev.	200	0
Cohen MM.	148.5	0
Cold Storage 1	1780	-0.3
Cold Storage 5	9080	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255	0
Compi	154	2.6
Compi Warrant 1	20	0
Computta	183	0
Comrech	405	1.2
Contizana	782	0
Contel	1019	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	615	0
Crodi 4 Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	39	0
Cyclone 1	2390	-12.5
Cyclone Bond 1	249	0
Cyclone Bond 2	147	1.4
Delfron	1725	0
Delfron Bond 1	247	0
Delfin	1.3	7.7
Dan Rent-A-Car	789	-2
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	157	0
Danbar 1	5010	-4.6
Danbar 5	18940	-3.5
Danbar Bond A	280	0
Danbar Resources	7500	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	185	0.9
Danbar Tech.	5990	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	151	0
Danel	52	0
Danel Bond A	87	0
Danel Personnel	2160	-1.4
Danel Warrant 2	439	0
Dankner Bond 1	210	0
Dankner Bond 2	133.4	0
Dankner Bond 3	95.3	0.3
Dankner Warrant C	637	8.9
Darsly	405	1
David	100	0
DARBAN BOND 2	101.5	0
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	233	0
Darban Warrant 3	145	-3.4
Daroa	124.5	0
Darton	175.5	0
Dash Investment	931	5.4
Data	569	0
Declalim Systems	535	-2.9
Degem Systems	462	0
Delek Drillings	11.8	0
Delek Oil	1395	-1
Delta 1	3960	1.5
Delta 3	11400	-1.5
Destiny	1360	0
Digal	128	0
Dimri	1244	0
Dotav	333	-3
Dotav Bond A	133.5	0.4
Dotav warrant 1	35	-25.7
Domicar	409	0
Domicar Bond	153	0
Dor Barger	390	0
Dor Chim	328	0
Dorc wr1	110	0
Dorex	56	0
Dorl o1	95.5	0
Dorl Engineering	432	0
Dorl Engineering Bond A	134.5	0
Dowat Bond A	137.8	0.4
Dowat Shrem	1424	1.7
Dowat Shrem Warrant 3	5.5	-1.8
DSI	986	0
Dubek M	2.4	-4
Dubek S	2.4	0
Dunitz	274	0.4
DYG Industries	481	0
E & M Computing	1000	-2.3
Edgar Alloni	82	0
Edgar Industries	191	-0.5
Edgar Inv. Bond C	83.9	-0.1
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.3	3.6
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Eini	180.5	6.9
Elam	298	0
Elronson	3450	1.7
El Bad	1866	1.9
El Cenit	579	0
El Cenit Bond 1	156.5	0.3
Elad	510	0
Elad Bond A	169	0
Elad Bond B	138.5	0.1
Elad o3	73	2.1
Elad w6	24	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	122.5	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	296	0
Elden Tech.	222	0
Electronics Line	647	0
Elgar	4890	0
Elisher	501	0
Elisech Ind.	1115	-3.1
Elsam	325	0
Elta	393	0
Elta Bond A	140	0
Elron	3620	-2.2
Elron Warrant 2	2835	0
Emek	140	0
Emgla	707	0.7
Engel Const.	710	1.4
ESSE	2000	0
Eshed Robotech	175	-5.7
Even	414	0
Evergreen	3280	0
Evrola Warrant 1	1512	0
Excelance	1699	0
Export Inv.	802	2.7
Extra	98.5	-0.5
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	145.2	0
Feldman Ind.	282	-0.4
Feldman Warrant 3	28.8	0
Fertilizers 1	119	0
Feuchtwanger 1	9700	-3.1
Feuchtwanger 5	52600	0
Fidelity	2518	0.2
Five J Jewelers	272	0.7
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	128	0
Formica Source	122	-5.1
Fruzanko	882	1.8
Galvatec	16950	0.6
Galcom	192	0
Galsan	1102	0
Gama	186	-0.5
Gamatronic	556	0
Gamlit	1581	0
Gan Shmoel Bond A	125.4	-0.1
Gan Shmoel Warrant 3	737	2.3
Gan Shmuel	1715	3.7
Ganel Hader	400	0
Gap Development	108	2.8
Gap Holdings	238	0
Gap Warrant 2	9	0
Gaza	619	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	123.3	3.9
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	88	0
Gibor Sabrina	82	0
Gibor Sport	512	-3.1
Gibor Warrant 2	81	0
Gilboa	77	0
Gilco	182.5	1.4
Gilek	1819	-0.1
Gilot Olam Oil	63	-11.1
Glob Rit	711	0
Golan	820	0
Gold	400	0
Golden House	375	0
Golden House Bond 1	247	0
Golor	189.5	0
Gorali	144.6	0
Granit Bond	148.9	0.8
Granit Bond 2	453	-11
Green Software	1522	-2.8
Greenberg	55.5	0
H. Electronics	920	2.5
H. Mor	2458	-1.8
Habas	155	-0.4
Habas Bond 1	30000	0
Hadar 1	75000	0
Hadar 5	926	0.6
Hadar Ins. 1	3510	0.3
Hadar Ins. 5	111.2	-0.7
Hadarim Bond 1	1239	1.1
Hadarim Warrant 1	300	0
Hagal	480	0
Hagal Bond B	151	0.7
Hamilton	317	-3.1
Hanel	4.8	0
Harel Bond A	485	0
Hasln Esh.	694	-0.4
Hasron	158.5	0
Hasohot 1	275	0
Hasohot Bond A	140	0
Hayal	1100	0
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	135	0
Hayal Warrant 1	90.1	0
Had Arzi Music	395	0
Hiron 1	11250	3
Hiron 5	42500	1.2
HL Service Bond 2	181.5	0
HL Service Bond 3	146	0
HL Services	1392	-0.5
Hod	140	0
Hof	538	0.5
Hotik	124	0
Home Center	6500	0
Hydrolics	123.5	0
IBS Industries	578	0
IBS Warrant 1	100	0
Ilan Gaz	110	0
Ilan Gaz Bond A	146	0.3
ILDC Bond A	255	-0.4
ILDC Bond B	500	0
ILDC Hotels	188.7	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	112	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	380	0
ILDC Insurance	135	2.8
ILDC Insurance Bond A	1053	0
Imco	44.5	-1.1
Ind Bld Warrant 3	23.5	-8.4
Ind Bldgs R1	298	-0.3
Ind.Dev.Bank C	3000	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3080	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	1724	-3.1
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	89300	0
Independence Mort		

	LAST	CHANGE*
Intercooma	774	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12700	0
Isgal	1695	0
Isgro	4080	0
Isracolor	432	0
Israel Corp. 5	126400	0
Israel Lightsage Bond 3	136.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	172.6	0
Isralcon	1018	0
Isralom Bond B	268	0.8
Isralom Bond C	87	0
Isramco	2.6	0
Isras 1	7190	0
Isras 5	29100	0
Isras Bond A	248	0
ISTA LINES	2550	0
Italy	2530	8.7
Ityy Bond 1	73.1	1
Ityy Warrant 1	240	0
Ityy Warrant 2	45	0
Jakora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	130.5	0
Jaysour Bond A	99	0
JEC Bond B	90.6	0.4
Jerusalem Mort	175.5	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	169	0
Jeunesse	90.2	0
JOEL	86	2.3
JOEL Bond 1A	218	0
JOEL Bond 2	122.8	0.2
JOEL Bond A	218	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	0
Kadman	150	3.3
Kadoun	351	-9.1
kafrice bond b	83.6	0
kafrice warrant 1	83.7	0
Kafrit	1275	0
Kalkalit Bond A	93.3	1.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	290	0
Kamour	553	0
Kamour Bond G	127.5	-0.2
Kamsept	1089	0.8
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicel	30.7	0
Kanicel Bond A	48	0
Kardan 1	518	-1.6
Kardan 5	2510	-0.8
Katz	128	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3750	-5.3
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenaan	341	0
Kesher	650	-2.2
Kesher Bond A	148.5	0
Keter	630	1
Kind	25.9	10.3
Kind Bond A	59	0
King	271	2.7
Kinneret	227	0
Kisch Knus	177.5	0
Kishrei Teuda	1100	0
Kitai	329	-3
Kitai Bond A	152	0
Kitai Bond A	112.8	0.9
Klil Ind. 5	5390	0.2
Koor Bond 5	147.4	1.3
Kopel	225	0
Kopel Bond 1	244	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Prof	120	0
Lachish	3100	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	0
Lasers	385	0
Lavlav	592	0
Lazmica Bldg	440	0
Laznick Comm Ctrs	166.5	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	126	0.4
Laznick Ind Bldgs	295	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	135.9	1.2
Leador Warrant B	3.1	-8.8
Lego	469	0
Leumi R4	85.9	12.5
Leventhal	413	0
Levi	668	0
Lewi Bond A	138	0
Lewi Bond B	84.4	0.2
Lewi Warrant 2	78	0
Levinstein Bond A	98.9	3.9
Levinstein Warrant 2	816	0
Lavinstein	1500	0
Liber	333	0
Lidan	1350	-0.5
Lilshir 1	171.9	0
Lilshir 5	603	0
Ligad	712	0.6
Ligal Bond 1	148.5	0
Lighteage 1	600	0
LMS	245	0
Lipman	2610	-1.1
Lipski	2600	0
Lipsto Bond A	166	0
Liraz Bond A	152	0
Lodan	155	0
Lodzia 1	1370	0
Lodzia 4	5014	0
Lohot Galil	32.4	0
Lohot Galil Bond 1	137.5	0
Lumir	3550	-1.1
Ma'tariv	3180	2.2
Ma'ariv Bond A	145.3	0.9
Maabarot	1150	0
Macpell	831	1.3
Macpell Bond A	137	-1.1
Macpell Bond B	114.1	0
Macpell Bond C	74.6	0
Macpell Warrant 3	61.8	-0.3
Mafil	790	0
Magam	149.5	0
Magam Bond A	167	0
Magam Bond B	124.5	0
Magav	1311.5	-9
Magma	36.3	0
Magor 1	2070	0
Magor 5	10470	4.7
Magor hldgs. Bond B	80.5	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	665	0
Maiel	377	0
Mal	471	0.4
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malta	780	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	215	0
Mantur	36.9	-0.4
Marathon	90	-4.4
Marathon Insured	98	0
Mario Lazrec. Constr. Bond 1	170	0
Mario Lazrecr Constr. Bond 2	148.3	0.2
Maritime Bank	1484	1.6
Maritime Bank Bond A	196.5	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	139.3	0
Mashav	820	0
Mashbir	688	0
Mashov	357	0
Mashov	155	0
Matam	1271	0
Matay Warrant 1	1133	0.3
Maxima 1	336	0
Maxima 5	1570	0
Maxpak	730	2.3
Med. Hotels	25.9	-5.1
Medtechnica	688	1.3
Medtechnica Bond A	137.2	1
Medtechnica Bond B	77.4	1.4
Medtechnica Warrant 2	172.4	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	50	-2
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	376	-5
Meir Ezra	1914	-2.9
Meir Ezra Bond B	248	0
Melisa	2955	0
Mellasaron Bond B	90.7	0
Mellasaron Warrant 3	40	0
Mendelson	218	0
Menofim	37.1	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8290	0
Merkazit	915	1.1
Meshav	198	0
Meyerwit	316	0
Middle East Tube	390	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	107.7	0.2
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	16	0
Milkmor Bond A	141	0
Milkmor Bond B	76.9	0.1
Milkmor Warrant 2	185	0
Milmar	105	0
Mini Line	580	0
Minrav	13500	5.8
Mirage	214	-2.3
Mirage Bond A	135	3
Mirage Warrant 1	13.9	-15.1
Mirrorit	60	0
Mishmeret	19	0
Mishmeret Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	141	0
Mishor Hanof	964	1.1
Mishpar	159	0
Mivtach Shamir	2330	-9
Mivtach Shamir	1275	0
Mizrahi	998	2.3
Mizrahi warrant 1	393	0.5
Mizrahi warrant 2	214	3.3
MM Engineering	121.5	10
MM Engineering Bond A	97	0
Modgal	668	-1.8
Modi'in	1	0
Molfix	295	1
Mollat Convertible Bond AAA	296	-1
Molot	658	0
More Plastic Ind.	373	0
Moshkovitz	154.8	0
MTI Computers	467	0
Mul-T-Lock	775	0
Mule Sensor	223	0
Nachshon Fund	48	0
Naphtha	33	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	24.1	0
Nativ	661	0.2
NATSVA BOND A	100	0.8
Navigator	388	0
Navigator Property	750	0
Nechushtan Bond B	79.5	0.7
Nechushtan Prop.	188.9	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	130	0.8
Nechushtan Warrant 1	26.5	0
Negev Ceramics	157.5	0
Nehushtan 1	805	0
Nehushtan 5	2540	0
Neot Aviv	7200	0
Nesua	453	0
Neve Arbel	129.5	0
Newim Hotels	383	0
Newlot	701	-2
Nia	293	0
Nilaw	1150	0
Nisco	2950	0
Nissan	253	1.2
NMC	294	0
Noga	1588	4
Noga Income	140	27.9
Nozdan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	373	0.3
Norfolk	670	0
Norfolk Bond A	141.5	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	897	0
Oceana	292	0
Ocil Bond A	179.5	0
Ocil Bond C	85.5	0.4
Ocil Warrant 2	723	0
Ocean	630	0
Ofek	218	0
Ofer Bro.	5540	2
Ofila	1060	0
Ogden	61	0
Ohaliav	474	0
Oil Fields	7	0
Old-Dok	283	1.1
Orsel	265	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ormitech	188.9	0
Ophir	377	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	118.5	0
Orasys	2911	-3
Orazi	378	-2.4
Orazi Bond A	159	0
Orbit	3890	0
Orda Bond 1	177	0
Osem	841	0
Oxoil	118	0
Oxtec	295	-1.7
Oxtec Bond A	86	0
Oxtec Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	124.5	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	147.4	-3.1
Ortal	380	0
Otzar Hashilton	26900	1.5
Oz	203	0
Oz attie	419	0
Packer Steel	5810	0.2
Pallough	590	0.3
PAM	585	0.9
Pamp	590	0
Pamps	2690	5.2
Pan Dor	250	0
Pardes	794	-0.5
Pardes Bond A	60.5	-0.8
Passport	2230	4.5
Paz Chen	510	-2
PC9	1629	-0.7
Peten Investment	46.9	0
Pereg	85	0
Perdikan	772	-1.7
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	0
Pica Plast	433	0
Pinros	130.5	0
Pinros Bond A	141	0.4
Pitkit	439	-0.2
Plasan bond a	87	0
Plasan warrant 1	480	0
Plasson	3800	0
Plasto Sac	620	1.5
Plasto Sheck Bond A	85.5	0
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	75	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	90.3	0.3
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2520	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	131.5	0
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	2240	10.7
Polak	250	0
Polgat A	500	0
Polgat B 4	1134	1.9
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	218	7.9
Polygon Bond 2	219	0
Ponzo	247	-0.4
Port	80.5	0
Poseidon	113.2	0
Pri Haamek	18.5	0.5
Pri Haamek Bond A	33.3	0
Pritzker	205	4.1
Pritzker Bond A	141	0.4
Profit	393	0
Profit Bond A	128.5	0
Pyrion	484	0
Quality Cap Mkts	485	0
Rabinex	198.5	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Telecom Corp	40.0625	+1.5625
Telefonos de Mex	46.6875	-0.4375
Telef De Espana	143.875	+0.625
Temple Inland	50.625	+0.125
Tenneco	34.875	-0.4375
Teradyne	27.3125	-0.5625
Tesoro Pet	23.125	+2.125
Texaco	15.5625	+0.125
Texas Instruments	56.25	-0.4375
Texas Utilities	61.625	+1.5625
Textron	39.125	+0.375
Thiokol	.72	-0.0625
Thomas & Betts	43.0625	+1.6875
ThreeCom	25.8125	+1
Time Warner	88.375	+0.875
Times-Mirror	61.8875	+1.9375
Timken	22.9375	+0.6875
Torchmark	40.625	-0.625
Tosco Corp	24.1875	-0.125
Toys R Us	21.375	-0.4375
Transamerica	114	-0.5
Transco Energy	60.8125	+0.6875
Travellers Grp	63.125	+0.375
Tribune	70	-0.875
Triton Energy	17.1875	+0.6875
TWA	7.625	+0.4375
Tyco Intl Ltd	60.125	-0.75
Tyler	9	-0.0625
UAL Corp	73.1875	-1.75
USG Corp	48.3125	+0.0625
UST Inc	36.875	+0.125
USX Marathon	30.5	-0.375
USX-US Steel	26.875	+0.875
Ultramar Diam	26.125	+0.125
Unicom Corp	34.125	-0.1875
Unilever PLC	38.0625	-1
Unilever NV	68.9375	-1.8125
Union Camp	41.875	-0.3125
Union Carbide	47.1875	-0.375
Union Pacific	42	+0.9375
Unisys Corp	25.375	+0.0625
USAIR Group	70.0625	-0.3125
USF&G Corp		
US Home	35.8125	+0.125
US Surgical	44.8125	-0.5625
US Trust	79.25	+0.375
US West	51.625	+0.125
United Tech	91.9375	-0.0625
Unocal Corp	30.625	-1
VF Corp	43.75	-2.125
VMRX Pharmaceutic	0.9375	-0.0625
Valero Energy	22.5	+0.5
Varian Assoc	36.4375	+1.4375
Viacom Inc	53.4375	+1.6875
Vishay	15	+0.875
Vulcan Materials	118.25	+4.5
Wachovia	83.375	+0.4375
Walgreen	44.3125	+1.375
Wal-Mart Stores	64	+3
Warner-Lambert	72.5625	+0.875
Wash Gas Light	24.375	-0.125
Washington Mutu	36.8875	-0.8125
Washington Post	536.5	+8.625
Waste Mgmnt Inc	59.25	+1.3125
Watsons-Johnson	22.625	+0.5
Wells Markets	34.125	+0.125
Wells Fargo	333	+1
Wendy's Intl	20.25	+0.125
Westvaco	24.25	-0.25
Weyerhaeuser	49.9625	-0.25
Whirlpool	57.9375	-0.625
Whitman	21.1875	+0.8125
Williams Co	29.25	+0.25
Winn Dixie Stos	39.875	-0.375
Woolworth	14.4375	+1.5
World Comm	52.625	+2.1875
Worthington Ind	14.375	0
Wrigley	57.5	-0.1875
Xerox	101.063	+1.25
Yahoo	87.375	+3.5
Yellow Freight	15.375	-0.375
Zero Co		

LONDON

Allied Domecq	555.5	-3
BAT Inds	666	+7
BT	800	-22.5
BTR	159	+0.75
Barclays	1653	-54
Bass	1005	+3
Boots	1038	-20
British Airways	569.5	-25.5
Comm Union plc	1190	-1
Diageo	705	+4.5
General Electric	472	+10
Glaxo	1811	-26
Hallfax	712	+11
HSBC (75p shs)	1405	-49
ICI	730	-28
Land Securities	818	+1
Lloyds Bank	778	-24.5
Marks & Spencer	504.5	-2
NatWest Bank	1175	+34
Prudential	820	-5.5
Reuters	587.5	-7.5
Sainsbury	505.5	+1
Shell Transport	356	-26.75
Tyco Intl	3800	-50
Unilever	590	-8.5
Zeneca	2280	+11

PARIS

Accor	1511	-23
Air Liquide	800	-5
Alcatel Alsthom	1136	-4
Euro Disney	11.1	+0.4
Moulinex	131	-7.3
Paribas	611	-8
Pernod Ricard	375.1	-14.9
Peugeot	1130	+10
Saint Gobain	1022	-7

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FRANKFURT		
Bayer	76.3	-2.8
Daimler-Benz	172.6	-0.4
Lufthansa	44.4	-1.55
Mannesmann	177.3	-0.7
Metallgesellschaft	36.4	-0.9
Volkswagen	166.5	-1.5

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.8986	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.651	0
British Pound (1)	5.9614	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0639	0
French Franc (1)	0.6153	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.529	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4506	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4009	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0918	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1662	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8577.68	+30.9
DJ Transport	3096.1	+0.52
DJ Utils	273.58	-0.33
DJ Comp	2592.07	+5.23
NYSE Industr	571.67	+4.58
NYSE Transport	455.67	+3.75
NYSE Comp	547.8	+3.79
S&P 100	536.69	+5.06
S&P Spot Index	1089.64	+8.21

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5594.1	-38.4
Tokyo Nikkei	15876.2	-115.9
Singapore all-share index	302.75	+5.5
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	7254.3	-212.1
Paris CAC 40	3968.58	-7.81
DAX	5632.51	-121.69
Madrid	886.96	-18.76
Sydney	2602.4	-37.6
Milan	1477.09	-41.88

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound:spot	1.6335	-0.0005
Sep.future (CME)	1.6306	-0.0022
D-mark:spot	1.7725	+0.0013
Sep.future (CME)	0.5651	-0.0016
S-franc: spot	1.4828	+0.0011
Sep.future (CME)	0.6721	-0.0023
Yen: spot	144.27	-0.32
Sep.future (CME)	0.006962	-1.9e-005
CanDlr:spot	1.5291	+0.0109
Sep.future (CME)	0.6546	-0.0048
AusDlr:spot	0.6053	-0.0034
Sep.future (CME)	0.6055	-0.0039
F-franc: spot	5.9435	+0.0039
It Lire: spot	1749	+1.25
Mtg: spot	1.989	+0.0006
AusShlg: spot	12.4494	-0.0204
Rand:spot	6.225	+0.0165
ECU: spot	1.1111	-0.0013

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1554	+1
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	132	+1.5
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	251.25	+4.5
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	539	-4.25
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	8.83	-0.02
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	107.4	0
Crude Oil (Sep)(NYMEX)	13.76	+0.08
BondsSep.future	123.219	-0.3125
S and PSep.future	1094	+5.5

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1097	+1
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1698	+4
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	1291	+5

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver:spot	5.44	+0.03

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	291.4	-0.4
Silver (Sep)	5.43	+0.025
Platinum (Oct)	388.8	+5.4
Palladium (Sep)	296	0
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.739	-0.001

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	286.85	-2
Gold PM fix	287.8	-0.1
Silver fix	5.42	-5.3

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)
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Rate cut spurs shekel supplies

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The Bank of Israel's surprise decision yesterday to lower its key lending rate by 1.5 percent caught the local currency market off guard.

The decision, which was announced just a few minutes before the setting of the representative rate, generated high demand for the dollar, thus sharply depreciating the shekel.

The representative rate for the dollar was fixed at NIS 3.651 and the basket of foreign currencies was fixed at NIS 3.8986. Traders said, however, that the shekel continued to decline in interbank trading with the dollar reaching NIS 3.71 and the basket NIS 3.96.

Analysts have estimated that the shekel will decline further in coming days.

"I believe that this move is leading to a depreciation of the shekel as the interest rate differential has narrowed to only 3.5%," said Victor Shohet, chief economist at Ofek Securities and Investments.

The rate differential gauges the difference between local and foreign interest rates.

Shohet predicted the dollar will reach NIS 3.9 in coming days.

"The only question is whether we will witness some overshooting in the near-term."

He added that a sharp devaluation of the shekel may lead to a sudden rise in inflation.

"In such a case the question is, will the Bank of Israel rush to raise the rates as it did last year?" Shohet said.

Last June the Bank of Israel cut its lending rate by 1.2% following the approval of a series of measures to reduce intervention in currency trading in the aftermath of the resignation of Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

In September, however, Frenkel was forced to raise the rates by 0.7% to prevent inflation from rising.

Meanwhile, in overseas trading, the dollar rose against the Japanese yen for the first time in three days on speculation Japan's largest opposition party will stall the banking reforms needed to repair the economy.

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.651 ▲ 0.08%
Basket 3.8986 ▲ 0.04%
Mark 2.0639 ▲ 0.15%
Sterling 5.9614 ▼ 0.24%

"Somebody really needs to shake the tree to get things moving in Japan, and frankly that's not happening at the moment," said David Cryer, who helps oversee $6.5 billion of bonds at Clerical Medical Investment Group Ltd.

"The dollar is more likely to hit 150 [yen] than 140 in the next few weeks."

The dollar rose to 144.60 yen, from 144.24 late Wednesday.

It fell to 1.7677 marks, from 1.7710, declining for a third day after a drop in Germany's jobless rate to a 20-month low fueled expectations the country's recovery is accelerating.

In Japan, the *Nihon Keizai* newspaper reported the opposition party won't support the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's proposal to use public funds to take over failed lenders. Banks are burdened by an estimated $1 trillion in bad loans, so aid to the banking industry is considered essential to ending Japan's recession.

"The Japanese government seems quite inert and unwilling to push through structural reforms," said Stuart Kinnersley, who helps Nikko Global Asset Management oversee more than $1.5 billion in fixed-income assets and expects the dollar to rise to 150 yen during the next six months.

"The fundamentals remain negative" for the yen.

Japan's cabinet Wednesday approved bills to dispose of bad and risky loans and cushion the blow for banks and their corporate borrowers. The government and ruling party had hoped to pass the bills during a special parliament session that ends in early September.

TASE rises following rate cut

Tel Aviv

Local stocks rose yesterday, led by banks, after Israel's central bank cut its benchmark interest rate for the eighth time this year to boost economic growth and fight unemployment.

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank by assets, rose 3.44 percent to NIS 10.53 shekels, helping to push the Maof Index of 25 largest companies up 1.70% to 324.20, its first rise in six days. Twenty-two shares rose and three fell.

Stocks recovered from a 1% decline after the Bank of Israel cut its benchmark lending rate by 1.5 percentage points to 9.5% in the last hour of trading, reducing Israel's interest rate by a 3.9 percentage points this year. Bank's are expected to benefit the most because lower rates will attract more borrowers and help reduce the number of loan defaults.

"The rate cut will be a good driver for economic growth," said Micha Goldberg, an analyst at Zannex Securities Ltd. "That's why the index is up."

Bank Leumi, the nation's second-largest bank by assets, rose 2.84% to NIS 6.87, after falling for three days in a row.

Leading the declines was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Israel's largest drugmaker. Its shares fell 3.29% to NIS 117.60, extending declines for the sixth straight day, after it posted a greater-than-expected 50% drop in second-quarter profit.

Net income for the quarter dropped to $17.1 million, or 28 cents a share, from $34.0 million, or 55 cents, because of falling prices in the US, lower sales in Israel and a lack of approvals for new products in the US, the company said.

The earnings result was "well below expectations," said Ira Slomowitz, a trader at Israel Brokerage and Investments. "The numbers are very disappointing."

Europe

UK stocks fell for a fifth straight session, with the FT-SE 100 index reaching its lowest level since February as Shell Transport & Trading Co. slipped after it reported lower-than-expected first-half earnings.

The FT-SE 100 Index fell 38.4 points to 5594.1, down almost 600 points, or 9%, from a high of 6183.7 on July 20.

Shell, the banks Barclays Plc and Lloyds TSB Group Plc, British Telecommunications Plc and Glaxo Wellcome Plc led the decline. All have posted disappointing earnings recently.

"When you get large companies that are heavily weighted reporting numbers that aren't enough, the knock-on can be significant," said Prash Arora, who helps manage about $6 billion at Old Mutual Asset Managers.

Barclays Plc fell 49p to 1,653. Britain's second-biggest bank beat analysts' first-half earnings expectations, but not by enough to keep investors from selling the stock.

"Forecasts among some analysts have grown far too high," said Simon Toynbee, the senior investment manager at Majedie Investments Plc, which has about 200 million pounds in assets.

Stocks fell further after the Bank of England left official interest rates unchanged at 7.5% at the monthly meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee. The UK's rates are the highest in the European Union, and a high rate of interest discourages lending by both companies and consumers, while high borrowing costs trim company profits.

STOCKS



Maof 324.2 ▲ 1.7%
Dow Jones 8577.68 ▲ 0.3%
FTSE 5594.1 ▼ 0.68%
Nikkei 15876.22 ▼ 0.72%

Asia

Japan's benchmark stock index fell to a three-week low amid signs a government plan to bolster the country's financial system may stall in parliament, which gave another headache to investors concerned Wall Street's woes aren't over yet.

"The verdict is still out on Wall Street," said Hitoshi Yajima, director of Tachibana Investment & Management Co. "And investors are frustrated about the political grandstanding" in Japan, "which probably won't result in any substantial improvements to the banking scheme."

The Nikkei 225 stock index fell for a fourth day, dropping 115.94 points, or 0.72%, to 15,876.22. The broader Topix index of all companies on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange slid 8.69 points, or 0.70 percent, to 1,227.09.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. led financial shares down after the *Nihon Keizai* newspaper reported Japan's largest opposition party opposed compromising with the government to speed passage of legislation providing for the use of public funds to take over the operations of failed lenders.

The *Nihon Keizai* report flew in the face of Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's assurances Wednesday that he didn't expect a political standoff, and raised skepticism among traders the two sides would compromise before the legislation is debated in parliament.

Banks deeply involved in Asia paced declines as losses by the yen against the dollar reignited smoldering concerns regional economies might devalue their currencies to stay competitive on trade.

That, in turn, could make it harder for borrowers in Asian countries to pay back loans to foreign lenders such as Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, which had extended as much as $380 billion in credit to the region as of March.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – Technology shares mounted a sharp rebound yesterday, but most stocks rose only modestly, offering few clues as to whether the volatile decline of recent weeks has bottomed.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 30.90 points – or 0.3% – to 8,577.68, after another session of twists and turns, albeit far more tame than those seen in recent days.

The gain would have been more pronounced, if it had not been for the equivalent of a 20-point drop by American Express after a cautious profit forecast by the financial company.

The Nasdaq composite index jumped more than 2% as bellwether technology shares rallied.

The Dow recovered from an early 60-point drop, but then surrendered a 39-point gain before midday and traded slightly lower until late in the day.

Those moves were considerably more gentle than on Wednesday, when the Dow rebounded from a 125-point drop to gain 59 points, and on Tuesday, when the index plunged 299 points.

The Dow now sits about 760 points below July 17's all-time high of 9,337.97.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 8.21 to 1,089.64, and the Nasdaq composite rose 41.31 to 1,829.51.

The NYSE composite index rose 3.79 to 547.80, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 4.88 to 676.95.

Sugar rises on hopes for stronger demand

Energy

Crude oil futures were little changed, up 4 cents at $12.61 a barrel, as traders awaited further developments in the standoff between the United Nations and Iraqi government over weapons inspections.

Iraq Wednesday said it won't cooperate with UN inspectors trying to rid it of banned weapons, and withdrew the Iraqi escorts that accompany inspectors, blocking them from visiting sites suspected of containing banned weapons.

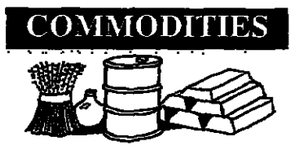
Others

Sugar for October delivery rose as much as 0.6 cent or 0.7 percent, to 8.91 cents a pound, on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York.

Rising demand for sugar from consumers, including Indonesia and Russia, raised expectations of stronger demand from other users.

Signs of rising demand come at the same time as forecasts for a jump in global sugar production, which is likely to climb 2% in 1998-99 to 128.49 million metric tons, raw value, partly because of bigger crops in India and Brazil, the world's largest sugar growers, according to London-based trading company C. Czarnikow Ltd.

COMMODITIES



Gold $288.15 ▲ 0.2%
Crude Oil $12.65 ▲ 0.08%
CRB 206.06 ▲ 0.22%

Still, global sugar demand will also rise to 125.5 million metric tons in 1999, when most of the new crop will be available, from 123.5 million metric tons in 1998, the report said.

Copper for delivery in three months dropped $25 to $1,625.50 a ton on the London Metal Exchange, as economic reports indicated demand for metals is sinking further in Japan, the world's second-largest consumer.

Orders to machine tool makers fell 7.8% in June compared with last year, according to the Japan Machine Tool Builders Association. Also, the Japanese yen fell against the US dollar, making copper more expensive to Japanese buyers.

Potato prices gained almost 2% to their highest level in 11 weeks amid concern wet and cold weather in Europe earlier this year will cut this year's harvests, leading to a possible shortage.

Heavy rain in March and April this year prevented farmers in the Netherlands and the UK from sowing this year's potato crop, and will probably cut yields, traders said. Potatoes have risen 38% in London since the start of this year.

(Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed as WorldCom sells bonds

WorldCom Inc. yesterday sold a record $6 billion of bonds to help pay for its purchase of MCI Communications Corp., while US Treasury securities were little changed with yields near record lows.

"People love the WorldCom name," said Livingston Douglas, chief investment officer at Kiewit Investment Management in Omaha, Nebraska, which manages about $4.5 billion. "They love the company and the business that it's in."

Demand for the securities, which range in maturity from three to 30 years, was so strong that the Jackson, Mississippi-based long-distance phone company boosted the offering from an initially planned $3 billion to $5 billion. WorldCom has a record of strong profit growth that's expected to continue after its $45.8 billion purchase of MCI.

It's "really getting everyone's attention," said Chris Conkey, chief investment officer at Keystone Investment Management in Boston, who is considering buying the bonds.

BONDS



US 30-year T-bill yield 5.67 no change

Treasury securities were little changed as investors braced for the release of today's July employment report, and $37 billion of government debt next week. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 1/32, or 31 cents per $1,000 bond, to 106 13/32, leaving its yield at 5.67%. Two-year note yields fell 1 basis point to 5.38%.

Bonds see-sawed with stocks in recent days after the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled 3.4% on Tuesday, its biggest decline this year. The Dow industrials rose 6 points to 8552 in early trading yesterday, giving bonds little direction.

"We are going to respond to stocks more than anything else," said Matt Alexy, chief bond strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. The difference in yield, or spread, between two-year notes and 30-year bonds widened to 29 basis points from 23 basis points a week ago. That's a sign investors are favoring the shorter-term securities typically selected by stock investors seeking a safe haven.

(Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (6.8.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.8703	3.932	—	—	3.8986
U.S. dollar	3.6233	3.6818	3.58	3.74	3.6510
German mark	2.0499	2.0830	2.01	2.12	2.0639
Pound sterling	5.9270	6.0226	5.82	6.11	5.9614
French franc	0.6115	0.6214	0.60	0.63	0.6153
Japanese yen (100)	2.5044	2.5448	2.46	2.59	2.5260
Dutch florin	1.8179	1.8473	1.78	1.88	1.8303
Swiss franc	2.4326	2.4719	2.39	2.51	2.4506
Swedish krona	0.4561	0.4635	0.44	0.47	0.4595
Norwegian krone	0.4801	0.4879	0.47	0.50	0.4837
Danish krone	0.5380	0.5467	0.52	0.56	0.5417
Finnish mark	0.6741	0.6850	0.66	0.70	0.6787
Canadian dollar	2.3830	2.4215	2.34	2.48	2.4009
Australian dollar	2.1994	2.2349	2.16	2.27	2.2131
S. African rand	0.5887	0.5982	0.53	0.60	0.5879
Belgian franc (10)	0.9943	1.0104	0.97	1.03	1.0008
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9134	2.9604	2.86	3.01	2.9335
Italian lira (1000)	2.0773	2.1109	2.04	2.15	2.0918
Jordanian dinar	5.0996	5.1819	5.01	5.38	5.1662
Egyptian pound	1.0300	1.1200	1.03	1.12	1.1272
ECU	4.0381	4.1033	—	—	4.0867
Irish punt	5.1516	5.2347	5.06	5.31	5.1852
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4151	2.4541	2.37	2.49	2.4321

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

TREATMENT

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In the short run, such conditions do help accelerate exports, and therefore also growth, since they offer better dollar returns for what is produced at relatively lower shekel cost.

In the long run, however, such tinkering is useless, since ultimately the markets revalue currencies according to their respective economies' overall performance, most notably budgetary vision and discipline.

The bottom line of all this is that the central bank always seeks a solid currency and lower public spending, while business leaders and politicians usually – though not always – prefer to compromise price stability and avoid tough budget decisions.

In essence, these are also the forces which lurked behind the Bank of Israel's surprising decision to slash interest rates by 1.5 percent while the government adopts a 4% annual inflation target for next year.

The government's goal in this was obvious: With unemployment fast becoming his major predicament, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was compelled to do something. And nothing in such circumstances could be more immediate and sharp than a hefty rate cut.

The central bank, meanwhile, wanted to know that, before it accelerates the pace of its rate cuts – which until yesterday totaled 2.4% since the beginning of the year – it gets assurances that the government is not going to use its monetary loosening as an appetizer for a multi-course election-economics feast.

Hence Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's insistence on and obtaining of the new inflation target which, while stopping short of transcending the current annual rate of 4% – as Frenkel hoped it would – nevertheless more than halves last year's official target of 7-10%.

That is enough of a whip with which to threaten the government should it seek a budgetary orgy.

A failure to abide by the new inflation target would give Frenkel full license to raise rates again, and perhaps to also threaten resignation, a move which would surely rattle financial markets in a manner the government cannot afford, either economically or politically.

And so, in terms of personal arm-wrestling, Frenkel and Netanyahu each emerge from this negotiation equally victorious and genuinely content.

However, in terms of their respective long-term goals, Frenkel has gained some more valuable yardage en route to his major goal of Western-level price stability, while Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman remain light years away from curing the rest of the economy's ills.

Interest rates can only treat an economy's cyclical ailments, not the structural ones, like newly laid off low-tech workers seeking a place of their own in an increasingly high-tech dominated landscape.

For such problems to be ameliorated, Netanyahu must snub small-party demands for assorted budgetary goodies, from mortgage subsidies to Yisrael Ba'aliya's olim, to yeshiva-student funding for Shas.

Only through such measures will he manage to ultimately cut taxes and launch new infrastructure projects, thus setting free the market energies which can generate that truly durable growth for which the labor market is thirsting.

صكذا في الاصل

هكذا من الاصل

From Russia with love

With continued Russian aid, Iran will be ready to produce a medium-range missile by 1999. Moscow claims it's clamping down on the technology transfer, but Israeli officials say they're seeing more talk than action, **Steve Rodan** reports

Lt.-Gen. Nikolai Kovalyov was used to remaining anonymous. As director of the Russian Federal Security Service, he would slip into the former Soviet republics, seeking help in dealing with the Russian mafia and espionage threatening the Yeltsin government.

The exception was his visit here last month. After meetings with the Mossad and General Security Service chiefs, Kovalyov – to the chagrin of Israeli officials – agreed and even sought high-profile media coverage.

His meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was announced, as was his subsequent meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. He gave a long interview to a Russian-language Israeli newspaper.

Kovalyov, however, was least open in his private meetings with Israeli intelligence officials. As one senior Israeli intelligence source recalls, "He denied everything regarding Iran as well as our information. He was simply not interested in admitting that Russia is helping Iran."

The absurdity of the denials became apparent hours later as the Yeltsin government announced an investigation of nine Russian companies which allegedly provided missile technology to Iran. Two weeks ago, Kovalyov himself was fired as part of a government shake-up launched by the Russian president.

After 18 months of quiet efforts, Israeli officials and intelligence analysts are dissatisfied with the results of their dialogue with Moscow on stopping the flow of Russian technology to Iran's missile program.

The optimists say they're encouraged that Moscow has come a long way from the beginning of the dialogue, when Russian officials dismissed Israeli assertions that both government and private companies were helping Iran's Shihab-3 program.

The pessimists say that Moscow's cooperation has been largely rhetorical, and the transfer of missile know-how continues largely unabated. The result, Israeli officials say, was the test launch of Shihab-3 on July 22. They say that the missile fired was the product of Russian technology.

The officials say the Shihab-3 is based on the No-Dong missile, but the design and subsystems were changed by Russian contractors. The Chinese are not significantly involved in Shihab's development, while the missile launched was probably that of a North Korean prototype – one of about a dozen No-Dong I missiles sold by Pyongyang in 1995.

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Israel believes the Iranians have concentrated on incremental improvements to the No-Dong, so that the Islamic republic could use such a missile on an emergency basis, even before Teheran is capable of full production.

For example, the Iranian test, which lasted only 100 seconds but impressed Israeli and Western analysts, has demonstrated that the Russians have solved several problems that plagued the No-Dong.

One is the liquid-fuel booster engine, the other the missile's thermal covering. The first ensures that the missile could fly its designated range, the second that it will not break up in mid-flight.

The Israeli assessment differs from the Pentagon's. Pentagon experts say that Iran has several missile programs, with the missile fired on July 22 a No-Dong nearly identical to that fired by North Korea in May 1993.

Israeli officials, maintaining that the US assessment is intended to avoid highlighting Russia's involvement in the Shihab program, say the latest launch refutes the argument that Moscow is stopping the transfer of missile technology to Iran. The Russians are willing to talk about the problem, the Israelis say, but they aren't willing to do much.

"During these meetings, the atmosphere is usually excellent," an intelligence source who participated in the Kovalyov sessions in mid-July says. "The promises are heart-warming. But there is no follow-up and nothing happens."

As an Israeli official who monitors the Russian dialogue puts it, those in Moscow "want to have their cake and eat it, too. They are moving only when the activities have already been discovered. They won't initiate and have not established internal controls."

Russian ambassador to Israel Mikhail Bogdanov, who attended the meetings, was not available for comment.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai agrees. His meetings with visiting Russian officials, including Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, have been regarded as tough. Mordechai says the Russians' refusal to crack down on the transfer of missile technology demonstrates Moscow's strategic alliance with Teheran.

"He has been quite blunt in his approach to the Russians," an aide says. "When he met Primakov he gave him a list of nine companies that were transferring technology to Iran. The aim was to upset him [Primakov]."

Ephraim Sneh, chairman of the Knesset subcommittee which oversees the IDF and the defense establishment, and regarded as a leading expert on the Iranian Shihab-3 program, says the Russian investigation of nine companies allegedly providing missile technology to Iran fails to target the main offenders.

At a meeting last week with a delegation from the Russian Duma's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Sneh submitted a list of five companies he says are the most active in the Shihab-3 program: the Bauman Institute, the Russian Space Agency, Tsagi – the Central Russian Institute for Aerodynamics in Moscow; Kuznetzov, located in Samara, Russia, and formerly known as NPO Trud; and the government export agency, Rosvoorpuzhenie.

Kuznetzov, for example, the source said, is developing the Shihab's engine and is believed to have provided technology for Shihab's liquid-fuel booster.

The involvement of Rosvooruzhenie shows Russia is prepared to stop private companies from selling missile technology to Teheran, while ensuring that clandestine government support continues.

"These companies can provide you with everything, from all kinds of missiles, engines as well as the latest technology," an engineer at Samara who now lives here says.

"We were expecting such cooperation between Russian companies and countries like Iraq and Iran for some time, so this is no surprise," he says. "What these companies can do is take a Scud-type missile and improve it quite a bit. It won't be a sophisticated missile. But it will travel a long range and can carry a large warhead."

Sneh says among the main areas of development that remain to be completed in the Shihab-3 program is that of a guidance and navigational system. The MK, with access to Israeli intelligence, says at the current rate of development Iran will be ready to produce the Shihab-3 in 1999. The Clinton administration, he adds, is simply not doing enough to stop this.

Sneh's assessments are supported by IDF military intelligence and Defense Ministry analysts, but are disputed by some in the Netanyahu government who deal with Russia. They argue that Russia has come a long way in being convinced to stop helping Iran's missile program.

The officials include Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, the point man in the dialogue with the Yeltsin government and US Vice President Al Gore.

These Israeli officials maintain that cooperation with Moscow and Washington is preferable to confrontation., Sharansky said that while Russian government officials remain vague on discussing many aspects of the transfer of Russian technology to Iran, Moscow has come a long way from a year ago when Russia's Primakov denied that Iran was obtaining any help from Russia.

"Whatever we have achieved with Russia has been done through cooperation not confrontation," the Israeli official says. "The attitude has helped us both in Washington and in Moscow. I know the Clinton administration is taking this very seriously. It doesn't plan to drop the issue."

A senior Israeli official agrees. He said Gore has been using the threat of congressional sanctions on Russian companies to push Moscow into action. The Russians have moved slowly, the official says, but have succeeded in reducing the flow of technology where Iran is concerned.

"They're not pretending," the official says. "It has slowed down. And this has made the Iranians unhappy." But both the optimists and pessimists agree that the Russians have to do a lot more – and quickly – to halt the remaining subsystems that Iran needs to complete the Shihab-3. The main parts are the guidance and control system and the separation of the warhead from the missile.

"At this point, we might be only talking about a large tube with an engine," a government source says. "Without an advanced guidance system, the missile will not be accurate. And, if the warhead can't separate from the missile properly, it won't be much different from the Iraqi Scuds fired during the Gulf War."

Iran might still be able to complete the Shihab-3 program without Russian help, Israeli military sources say. But the delay could be between three and five years – enough time for Israel to deploy and improve its anti-missile defense capability and enough for Iran's Islamic regime to fall and be replaced by a more peaceful ruler.

The Israelis' concern is that the Russians are succeeding in persuading Congress that Moscow is effectively stopping aid to Shihab-3. The Russian announcement to investigate nine companies delayed a congressional move to override a presidential veto in June of a bill that would impose US sanctions on any companies including Russian, that would transfer missile technology to Iran or Libya.

"Even the Americans acknowledge that Gore is helped by Congress because the [Clinton] administration has so many interests with Russia that it can't focus on the Iran missile program," an Israeli official says.

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Sneh, for example, is concerned that Congress, impressed by the Russian announcement, will give Moscow several more months of grace before returning to the sanctions issue. The Senate is in recess for the next month; the House of Representatives finishes its session today.

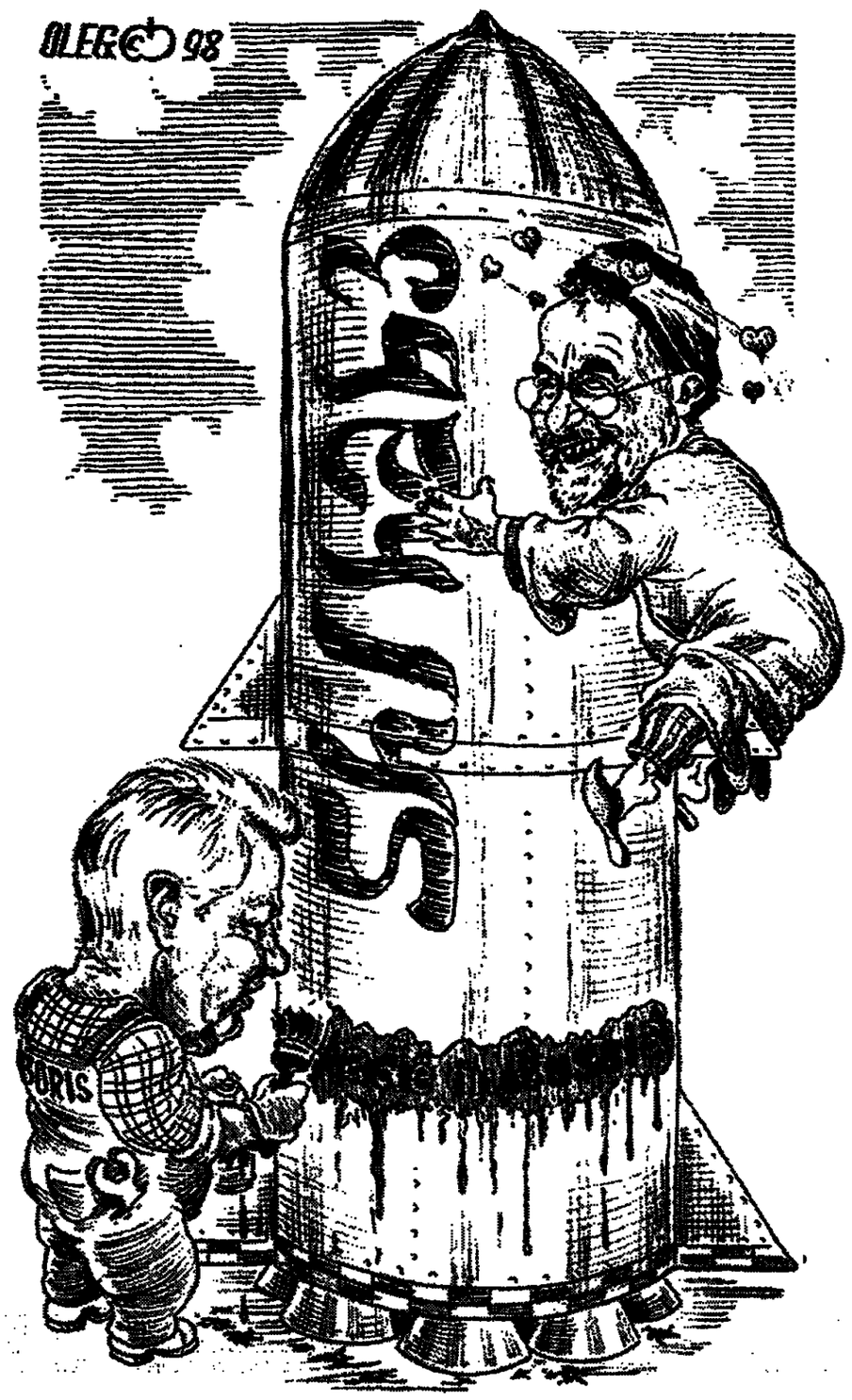
As one senior congressional aide puts it, "What everybody is talking about is Monica [Lewinsky]. Iran is simply not on the screen."

The respite might be just enough for Russia to accelerate its help to Iran to complete Shihab-3 by next year. By mid-1999, the Yeltsin government could then announce that it had finally succeeded in stemming the unauthorized technology transfer – leaving Teheran with an intermediate-range missile capable of striking any part of Israel, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and even southern Russia.

The next step might be for Russia to develop Iran's nuclear weapons program to coincide with Moscow's current help for the Shihab-4, a missile with a range of between 2,000 and 2,500 kilometers and designed to carry nonconventional warheads.

Without the threat of immediate sanctions by Congress, Sneh says, the Yeltsin government would be free of pressure. Already, he notes, the International Monetary Fund is prepared to lend Russia $11.3 billion regardless of Moscow's help to Iran.

"The promised IMF help is going through the pipeline," he says. "So, where is the leverage that will ensure that Moscow will end its help to Iran?"



Empty threats

Prominent Iranian exile Amir Taheri claims Teheran would not initiate a missile strike against Israel, **Douglas Davis** reports from London

Would Iran take up arms if Syria, its closest regional ally, finds itself at war with Israel?

Yes, says Hizbollah spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, who emphatically declared in a recent sermon at a Beirut mosque that Iran would fight alongside Syria if Israel attacked Damascus.

No, says Amir Taheri, the London-based Iranian exile and widely respected commentator on Iranian affairs, who is equally emphatic that Iran would never fight other people's wars – including those of a close ally against a sworn enemy.

Like any other established regional power, says Taheri, Iran has no "eternal friends or enemies."

It is, therefore, free to shape its policies and make its decisions on the basis of its own perceived self-interest.

Nor does Taheri, author of the critically acclaimed work on the Islamic Republic, *Holy Terror* (Sphere Books), believe war with Israel is in Iran's interest.

Indeed, the only scenario in which he can envisage Iran aiming its Shihab-3 missiles at Israel is if Israel initiates a strike against Iranian missile sites or nuclear facilities.

The chances of such an Israeli strike occurring, he believes, is an extremely remote possibility, given that Washington is "deeply hostile to any use of force against Iran."

Taheri ridicules the Hizbullah spiritual leader, who, he says, may well be a learned religious scholar, but is certainly no expert on defense strategy.

Writing in the London-based Saudi daily *Asharq Al-Awsat* last Tuesday, Taheri said that while Fadlallah is close to some power centers in Teheran, the Hizbullah leader cannot pretend to speak for the Iranian government.

Fadlallah's frequent visits to Teheran are often merely formal occasions designed to underline his loyalty to Iran and, in exchange, to underscore Iranian support for his claim to be the *marja al-taqlid* (source of emulation) for the Shi'ite community in Lebanon.

"On such visits," writes Taheri, where he is often accorded by senior officials and attended photo-opportunity with Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei But the Teheran leadership would certainly not discuss high politics and strategy with the Lebanese cleric."

The belief that Iran is prepared to go to war to protect Syria against Israel is based on nothing but illusion, he says.

"It seems that some Arabs can not live without such illusions." Anyone familiar with the strategic debate in Iran would know that Iran would not go to war on behalf of anyone's interests but its own, says Taheri.

Moreover, says Taheri, the concept of "Islamic solidarity" is "nothing but a slogan."

There is indeed a stream of examples to support his point.

The concept of 'Islamic solidarity' is 'nothing but a slogan'

— Amir Taheri

- In Transcaucasia, Iran is oiling the war machine of Christian Armenia in its conflict with Moslem Azerbaijan, even though Armenia is occupying 25 percent of Azerbaijan's territory and has rendered its estimated population of 600,000 homeless.
- In Chechnya, Iran strongly supported Russia in crushing the recent Moslem rebellion.
- In Tajikistan, Iran sided with Russia and former Communists to destroy the Islamist opposition and force it into an empty compromise.
- In Afghanistan, Iran is backing the former Communist General Abdul-Rashid Dostum against the Islamist Taleban.
- In the former Yugoslavia, Iran was the main source of oil for Serbia long after the Serbs had started massacring Bosnian Moslems.
- In the subcontinent, Iran has allied itself with Hindu India against Islamic Pakistan, which it regards as an ally of the United States and thus a potential enemy.

The fact that India continues to disregard the wishes of the Moslem people of Kashmir is not mentioned, even obliquely, in Iran-Indian joint communiques.

Taheri writes that in 1985-86, Iran denounced the delivery of US-made weapons, including anti-tank missiles, via Israel. The anti-tank weapons helped Iraq knock out the Iraqi armored divisions and opened the path to Iraqi territory.

In the 1980s, Iran cultivated Syria's friendship to prevent the emergence of a united Arab front behind an aggressive Iraq.

Iran ... convinced ... that Washington had encouraged Iraq to attack Iran in 1980, also created Hizbollah in Lebanon as a means of exerting pressure on the US (via Israel) and compounded the "punishment" by arranging the kidnappings of American and other Western hostages.

Once the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had established his secret channels to the US and Israel, says Taheri, the Beirut hostage crisis ended.

"The Iran-Syria alliance is a purely tactical one," he insists. "The two regimes are poles apart in terms of culture and ideology. The very concept of Arab nationalism espoused by the [Syrian] Ba'athists is abhorrent to the present Iranian leadership.

"Tactical allies can work closely together and be of immense help to one another. But they never go to war together, let alone on behalf of one another," he says.

If Syria became involved in a new round of hostilities with Israel, there would be a great deal of noise from Iran, he says.

"There will be demonstrations in Qom and Teheran, and the supreme leader will make a fiery speech. Hizbullah will be ordered to fire a few Katyushas into northern Israel. But there will certainly be no missiles flying from Iran to Israel.

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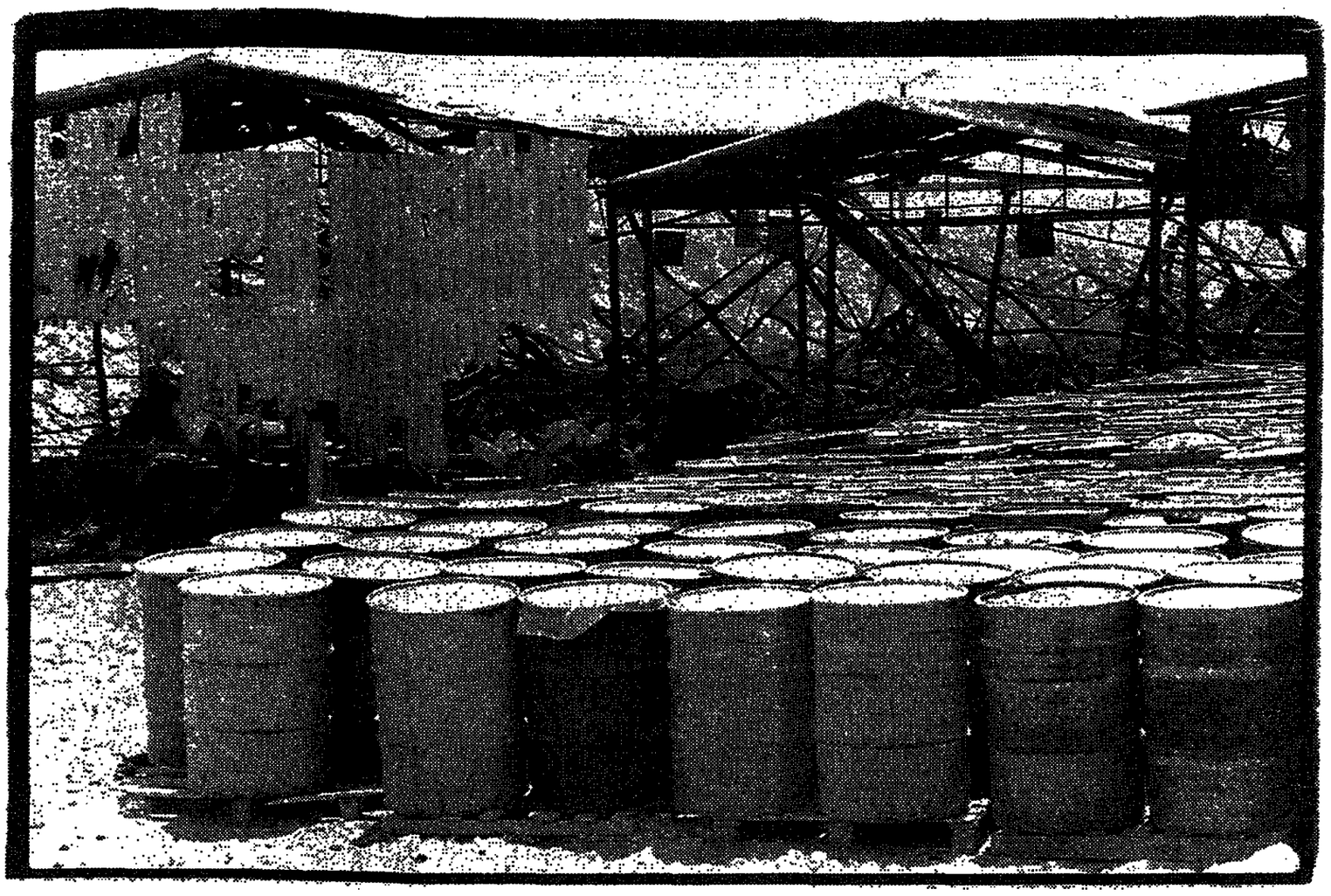
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The charred remains of the shed that caught fire after barrels of poisonous chemicals exploded at Ramat Hovav on Sunday. (Photos: Jonathan Bloom)



The Beduin of the Azazme tribe, who live closest to the dump, want to be moved to another spot far away from Ramat Hovav.

Living on the edge

The name Ramat Hovav is synonymous with environmental time bomb. But most people who live near the toxic waste dump - or work there - don't feel threatened, Larry Derfner discovers

Security guard Nowe Nodrepepa was standing about 30 meters from the smoking remains of the shed where barrels of poisonous chemicals had exploded less than 48 hours earlier, on Sunday night, at the Ramat Hovav toxic waste dump.

Nodrepepa said he got to the shed a couple of minutes after the barrels of lithium caught fire, and stood by for about five minutes, wearing his gas mask, until everyone was ordered to clear out.

The smoldering in the shed came from wooden platforms; the chemical fire was put out roughly five hours after it started.

Now the security guard looked altogether at ease. For the last six years Nodrepepa, 49, has worked in the close company of Ramat Hovav's 70,000 tons of toxic waste, which are in barrels standing on or buried in the dump's vast grounds. He says he's suffered no ill effects that he knows of. He even smokes about a pack of cigarettes a day.

"In Albania, I was a chemical technician for 16 years in an electrolysis plant. They made chlorine gas, hydrogen chloride. Every little problem caused an explosion. I feel a lot more comfortable over here," he said.

Nodrepepa scoffed at questions about whether he feels safe, or whether he's scared to work at Ramat Hovav.

In the office of Environmental Services Corp., which operates the dump and which stands right near the shed, secretaries were calmly working away.

Visitors were given gas masks at the gate, but this was routine. The masks were to be put on only in case of emergency, and the emergency at Ramat Hovav was over. Health inspectors had declared that the burning lithium gas from the explosion was harmless. Some 2,000 people work at the Ramat Hovav industrial park where the dump is located, and no one looked worried.

RAMAT HOVAV. The name strikes terror in the minds of the environmentally aware. All of Israel's toxic waste comes here to roost.

"Just the term 'toxic waste' was frightening at first," said a nurse at the industrial park's clinic, about half a kilometer from where the explosion took place.

"But then after the first week I saw that I was still alive, and after the first month I was still alive, and after the first year I was still alive. I've been here now for nine years."

A cleaning woman who has worked at the industrial park for eight years explained that Israelis think about the dangers of Ramat Hovav like foreigners think about Israel's security dangers.

"They say, 'Oh, how can you live in Israel, how can you walk around on the streets, aren't you afraid?' It's the same thing. But look at this place – there's grass, there are flowers, the birds are singing. Those are good signs, aren't they?" the woman pointed out.

ACROSS the highway from the industrial park, hundreds of Beduin of the Azazme tribe live spread out in tents across the dirt plain. They are the closest residents to the dump; the next closest are the inmates of Beersheba Prison about 2 km. north, and after them the residents of Beersheba's Neveh Noy neighborhood, another 8 km. or so further north.

When the fire broke out, Ahmed Juweid Azazme, whose tent stands about 200 meters from the highway, was away. When he returned at midnight, his tent was empty. His wife and five children, like the other Beduin whose tents are nearest the highway, had scattered over the plain, away from the scary spectacle that had burst into view.

"When I came back I could still see the flames over there," Azazme said.

"Barrels were flying through the air, the explosions were making such a noise. There was a black cloud of smoke in the sky." The Beduin, assured that there was no danger, returned to their tents by morning.

Azazme said neither he nor his family are coughing, or having trouble breathing, or feeling sick in any way since the explosion. But he says he's heard other Beduin in the camp have been throwing up. Many Beduin suffer fits of vomiting from time to time, he said, adding that he has no way of knowing whether it's because of Ramat Hovav or because of the chemical factories in the industrial park.

Azazme, 32, said he's suffered headaches ever since working for seven years as a packer at Brom, a bromides plant in the complex. Asked if he was afraid that his family's health would be permanently harmed where they live, he replied, "I've heard that some of the stuff that comes out of the industrial park causes cancer. There's no way we're going to get out of here healthy."

Azazme, who conducts camel rides for tourists in the area, has lived in his current spot for two years. Asked why the tribe stays on, he replied, "We were here before they built Ramat Hovav [in the late '70s]."

However, he said the tribe would like to move to an agreeable site far away, but Israeli authorities "keep promising us year after year that they're going to find a place for us, but they never do." Tribal leaders charge that the toxic waste dump and chemical plants have caused a high rate of cancer, miscarriages, birth defects, breathing problems and other illnesses.

However, Dr. Ilana Belmaker, who has been the Health Ministry's medical officer in the south for the last 10 years, said, "I haven't seen any evidence that Ramat Hovav endangers people's health."

Belmaker stressed, though, that she could not make a conclusive finding one way or the other, adding that only an epidemiological study, which would track the illnesses of people in the area and trace the causes, could do that. Such a study is planned, but it is a major project which will cost millions of shekels, and is making its way gradually up the decision-making ladder, she said.

"Nobody denies that the odors emitted periodically from Ramat Hovav are a nuisance. The question is whether these odors also damage people's health," Belmaker said.

THERE have been about 10 major foul-ups at the toxic waste dump in the last decade, including pesticide fires and heavy leaks of various gases.

In 1988 about 100 barrels of toxic substances exploded, and soldiers at an IDF base about 2 km. away got sick; some were hospitalized. Because of the odors and potential dangers from Ramat Hovav, the IDF closed the base last summer.

No one was hospitalized after Sunday's explosion, which started when a barrel of lithium accidentally fell off its platform, caught fire and ignited adjacent barrels. Batia Kuris, spokeswoman of Beersheba's Soroka Medical Center, said that over the years, the hospital has not received an unusually high number of respiratory complaints from people who work at or live near Ramat Hovav.

The same finding was reported by a doctor and nurse at the industrial park's clinic. They noted that nobody has come in sick since the explosion.

The doctor, who has worked at the clinic for two years, said, "Before I came to Israel I lived in the Ural Mountains [of Russia]. There the pollution and the dangers were 100 times worse than they are here. There were a lot of military industries in the area, and they produced every kind of chemical you could think of."

Like other employees at Ramat Hovav – but unlike the Beduin – the doctor and nurse said their health was not suffering so far. But, the nurse noted, that didn't mean that all was well.

"It's the future I worry about – that a real disaster could happen one day," she said. "I have no plans to leave, but I would feel better if they'd start dumping toxic waste somewhere else."



For the last six years, Nowe Nodrepepa has worked at the site that houses 70,000 tons of toxic waste. He says he feels fine.

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Making Israel home – despite everything

Neither the uncertainty, nor the unemployment nor even the heat wave could deter 900 immigrants from landing at Ben-Gurion Airport this week to start a new life. Aryeh Dean Cohen met some of them, and discovered what motivates today's olim



Bombay-born Samuel Moses and his sister Ruth who made aliya from London: 'It's going to be a struggle, but life is a struggle,,' says Samuel. (Photos: Israel Sun)



Shuli and Sam Kamin and children: 'I believe that Israel is the right place to raise kids," said 37-year-old Shuli from Cincinnati.



British immigrant Brenda Katten: 'Outside Israel, you're always a minority, and you always tend to be very aware of how other people perceive you, and what you're saying.'

Unemployment is peaking, the peace talks are stalled, the ethnic-hatred genie is back out of the bottle, and it's hot as heck outside. Now, does that sound like a *great* time to visit Israel, let alone move here?

But for Brenda Katten from London, her husband John, and some 900 other immigrants who arrived Tuesday – the Jewish Agency's "Aliya Day" marking 50 years of immigration – now couldn't be a finer time to hop onto the whirligig of Israeli life.

"I'm going to be apprehensive, but I'm going to be very excited," Katten said from her daughter's London home by phone Monday, just a day before touching down at Ben-Gurion Airport. "I feel like I'm coming home."

If you meet the Kattens or any of the other newcomers on the street or in a store, be nice to them. According to Jewish Agency Aliya Department figures, immigrants are increasingly rare, especially those from Western countries.

Aliya Department Director-General Mike Rosenberg says immigration is "more or less static," with only 600 newcomers arriving so far this year from the US, similar to last year's rate. UK aliya is down 25% from last year, and even immigration from the former Soviet Union is slipping.

Nonetheless, immigration officials tried to sound upbeat Tuesday as they welcomed immigrants from Russia, Uzbekistan, Mexico, the US, the United Kingdom, Italy, Hungary, Switzerland, France and the Netherlands.

From 5:45 a.m. until 8 p.m., the newcomers arrived in groups of between eight (Brazil) and 180 (France), clutching their belongings and, after a brief encounter with Israeli bureaucracy in the Absorption Ministry reception room, stepping out into a new life in Israel.

IT WAS an emotional day for Katten, a staunch Zionist who has served as chairman of British WIZO, the Zionist Federation and the Hillel Foundation and who first visited Israel in 1957. Now she joins her son and his family here, leaving two other children and their families behind.

"I think you tend to go [to Israel] either before you start making a life somewhere, or at our age. I consider this a new beginning," she said.

Despite having lived a comfortable life in the UK, Katten says she never felt completely at home there, a factor contributing to her aliya.

"It's nice not to be looking over your shoulder, as we did for 40 years in the UK. Outside Israel, you're always a minority, and you always tend to be very aware of how other people perceive you, and what you're saying."

While she's concerned about the division within Israel over the conversion bill, she will not miss the divisiveness in British Jewry.

"The community [in Britain] currently is more divided than ever before, at a time when we should be coming together," she said. "Yes, I'm worried, but I feel like I'm going from one worry to another. I'm going to have a vote [in Israel], and maybe I'll have more control over my worries."

For Samuel Moses from Stamford Hill, London, there was an additional reason to celebrate: He was marking his 25th birthday as he made aliya with his sister, Ruth. The Bombay-born Moses, who got a taste of Israel during studies in a yeshiva here and who hopes to open an Indian restaurant, wasn't letting the unemployment figures or other problems get him down.

"I'm totally confident, even if the situation in Israel from the outside looks tense or problematic," he said as he prepared to embark for an absorption center in Ashkelon.

"I know with the total faith that I have, that it's going to be okay. It's going to be a struggle, but life is a struggle. At the end of the day, I know everything's going to work out."

Moses was one of 45 immigrants arriving from the UK, a group described by Maurice Singer, head of immigration and absorption services for the United Jewish Israel Appeal, as mostly young, with some 60% under age 30. Thirty percent have academic degrees and most came with jobs already arranged, Singer said. Many are members of large, observant families, or "people who have a long-standing Israeli connection."

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There were also single immigrants. Paul Epstein from Norwalk, Connecticut – born a scant week before the state – came "because I decided I wanted to be a pioneer and make a difference in my homeland."

Epstein couldn't help but note the irony of being interviewed by a Russian TV crew on his arrival in Israel, some 83 years after his mother fled a pogrom in Russia and emigrated to the US.

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join in the dance, despite the searing temperatures.

An older gentleman proudly wearing his war medals disembarked alongside a group of brightly dressed youngsters with ribbons in their hair who quickly donned green-and-white "Aliya Day" hats – making the throng of newcomers look like a scout troupe about to earn a very special merit badge.

Among them were Yana and Marat Nabiev, from the small town of Fergana in Uzbekistan. Marat, 23, admitted he and his wife "are afraid of the unknown," particularly work-wise.

Still, he said via a translator, "We wanted to come for a long time.... We tried to build our lives in Uzbekistan, but things just got worse economically and in terms of government demands to learn the Uzbeki language. At a certain stage, we realized that the economic situation was becoming untenable, that we had to return to our homeland."

Former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendelevitch, the newly elected chairman of the Zionist Forum, noted that more than 65% of those over the immigration effort with officials struggling to explain why more Jews aren't coming.

Rosenberg blamed the low numbers in the West, especially in the US, on "a lack of Israel-centered Jewish identity, and Jewish identity in general.

"Large numbers of Jews have never been to Israel, and large numbers of parents are not interested in sending their kids here," he said. "We even find that the children of some of our major donors, who are very dedicated to Israel, aren't interested."

He cited "things that are out of our control," like the stalled peace process and the conversion bill, as worrisome. While he hasn't heard anyone say they're not coming because of the bill, he's concerned it could have serious impact on future aliya from the US by the non-Orthodox.

"It affects the general attitude toward Israel" in the US, he said. "Just as it's affecting our fundraisers, with people trying to punish Israel.... People feel as though they've been slapped in the face, whether it's objective or not.

"If you take the thesis that Jewish identity is important, and then you take Israel-centered identity... the feelings these people have about Israel are becoming at least mixed," said Rosenberg. "At best, it's a love-hate relationship, and right now they're on the hate part of it. In the long run, it's going to affect aliya unless it's reversed, which I hope will happen."

KNESSET Immigration and Absorption Committee Chairman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) believes the entire approach to Western immigration must change.

"We're talking about a change in concept. Thankfully, the period during which we focused on bringing Jews in distress here is almost over, and I think the existence of the State of Israel had a great deal to do with that.

"What we must do is say, okay, this period is almost over. We have to present a new program to these Jews from Western countries to bring them here.

"Perhaps we should begin by creating a new basket of benefits. Until now we treated these people as those who do not need [additional] resources when they arrived here. Perhaps we should change this."

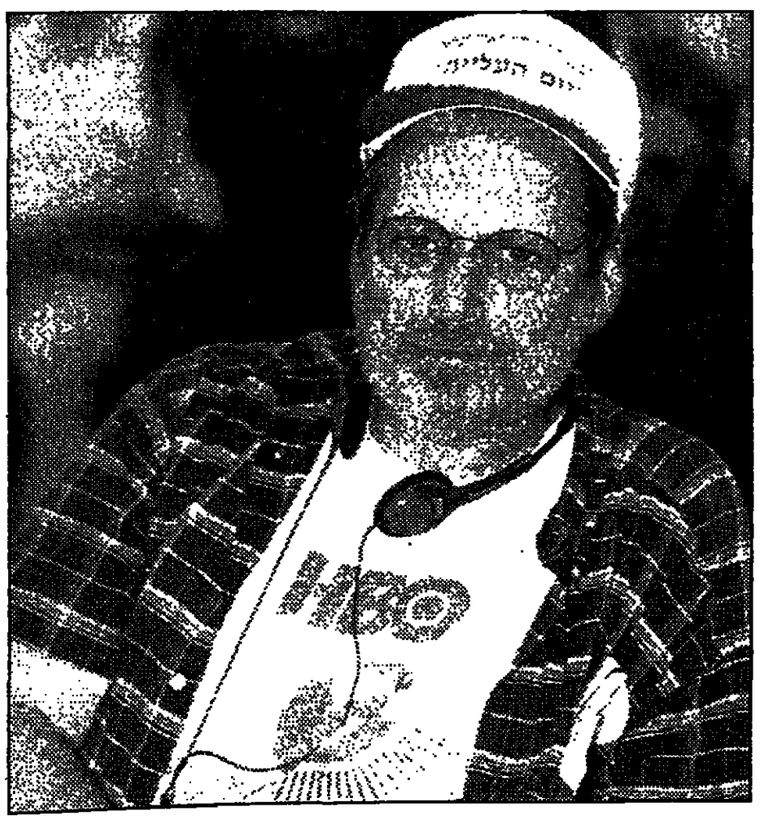
Blumenthal believes the change is necessary since in many Jewish communities in the West, "the economic situation has fallen off. We should give them added incentives to come here, at least at the same level as the immigrants from the FSU.

"Then maybe we should conduct a more serious campaign, because right now, we're not succeeding; that's a fact. South Africa is a perfect example of this.... It hurts me, angers me. I want to understand why, and how to bring them here."

Blumenthal advocates combining better Jewish education with new, more practical incentives.

BUT NO inducements appeared necessary for Moses and the rest of Tuesday's newcomers.

Instead, Moses said he had one detour to make on the way to his absorption center: "I'll probably go to Jerusalem to say a little prayer, and thank God that everything has come true, and that my life is beginning."



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Steven and Nitza Goldrad and their daughters Gili, Mira and Elly: 'We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose,' said Steve.

THAT'S how one would describe the majority of the American immigrants stepping off the flight Tuesday: mostly large families, many of them Orthodox. Sleepy youngsters clutched favorite stuffed animals as they peered at their new home from strollers or backpacks. Their parents were in almost full agreement on why they'd come, for their children.

"I believe that Israel is the right place to raise kids," said 37-year-old Shuli Kamin from Cincinnati, keeping a close eye on her brood of four in the mobbed Absorption Ministry processing room.

"They're going to learn to give, they're going to learn to get, but they're going to learn to give more than they get, and appreciate the giving."

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Ten-year-old Zahava Wapner was willing to admit that the aliya experience "feels very different and scary at the same time. But other than feeling a bit sick upon landing, she said the massive welcome for the immigrants on the tarmac made her feel "very happy that I'm not alone."

That's exactly how her parents, David and Miriam, from Hillcrest, New York, hope she and her four siblings will feel here.

"Our kids are getting older, they're getting influenced by the great American culture," said David, whose family was heading to Beit Shemesh. "We don't want that – we want them to be immersed in Jewish culture. Now it's the 50th anniversary of the state, and my wife turned to me in September and said: 'We're either doing it this year or we're not ever going to do it.'."

While David admitted "it takes true faith to give up the tangible and go to the intangible," Miriam couldn't understand why her fellow Orthodox Jews in Queens thought the move was such a big deal. "Everyone was telling me they were jealous of me. So I told them this is what you do: You put your house on the market, you take the best offer and you *go*."

Nor all the newcomers were Orthodox. Nitza and Steven Goldrad of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and their three girls – each dressed in her Spice Girls finery – are not observant, but are concerned about Jewish identity. "We decided to come six months ago. I think that living in Israel, the children will get more of their Jewish heritage," said Israeli-born Nitza.

"It's hard to give up a nice materialistic way of life and start over again," said Steve, an alternative medicine and admits he's also looking for "a nice Jewish girl."

TUESDAY'S MASS arrival of olim was truly an East-meets-West affair.

Back on the hot tarmac, a group of young Uzbeki families provided evidence that immigration from the former Soviet Union is getting younger.

One little girl celebrated her arrival by doing wheelies in a portable potty while waving a plastic Israeli flag. A young well-dressed woman in high heels did a hora at the behest of a band hired by the Agency for the occasion. Others put down dog-carriers or double cassette players to arriving from the former Soviet Union are 30 or younger, with 21% under 18.

Overall immigration from the FSU and the Balkan states is down 17% this year, with a total of 22,227 olim arriving through May. But Mendelevich said the downturn was just "temporary," due to perceived improvements in the Russian economy that he believes could quickly change. Besides, he said, "the pool of available immigrants is emptying out." He expects some 50,000 will come this year, as they will in the coming four years.

DESPITE Tuesday's day in the sun, however, clouds still hover

Fighting back

Some have organized a female civilian guard. Others are studying self-defense. Allison Kaplan Sommer discovers how women are coping with the spate of violent rapes in Tel Aviv

Esther Rivkin, 51, lives alone in a ground-floor apartment in the Sheinkin neighborhood, just a few doors down from where a woman was violently raped last month.

A teacher, she should be spending July and August enjoying her summer vacation. But this year, she has felt anything but free.

"I'm not a naturally timid person," she says. "I'm usually pretty brave. But I have to admit that when I've gone out at night recently, I find myself shaking from fear. I feel so scared sometimes that I almost can't function."

She believes she may have heard the Sheinkin attack, when a woman was bound and violently raped in her home in July.

"I think I may have heard her scream that night," she says. "But it was during the World Cup championship, and I was used to hearing people scream. I figured that one of the teams must have scored a goal."

The chilling descriptions of the sexual assaults that have taken place in Tel Aviv over the past month have been enough to shake the most self-assured women. And as the days go by and police seem to be making no progress in their investigation, there seems to be no end in sight to the fear.

Shortly after the Sheinkin rape, a Filipino worker was attacked in her employer's apartment on Jabotinsky Street. A few days later, an Italian tourist was assaulted in the stairwell of a friend's building on Hahashmonaim Street.

Police believe that more than one person is responsible for the attacks, despite their similarities. In each case, the attacker struck in an extremely quick, violent and sadistic fashion.

To bolster her self-confidence, Rivkin now carries a small kitchen knife in her handbag. To improve her chances against an assailant, she attended a self-defense workshop this week sponsored by the Tel Aviv municipality.



STANDING with a group of women ranging from teenagers to retirees, Rivkin listened intently to self-defense expert Avi Moyal. First, he demonstrated an electric-shock device and explained that "its only disadvantage is you have to get to the point where the attacker is already touching you to use it." Then he took out a canister of teargas and said, "You can't use this in an elevator or a narrow stairwell."

For those who don't want to invest in special equipment, he noted that a small can of deodorant or household cleaner could also disable the attacker long enough to allow a quick escape. If caught without a weapon, the key, Moyal said, is to take the attacker by surprise.

The group practiced how to react when grabbed from behind, learning moves designed to catch an attacker off guard. At first, the women were a bit embarrassed and a little timid. But with a bit of encouragement from Moyal they began to kick, bite, stomp and scream.

Standing to the side was Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who arrived, with a media entourage, to oversee the workshop. Milo even volunteered to play the attacker, allowing his hand to be bitten and his foot stomped on by one of the women.

When it came time for the women to practice elbowing their attacker in the genitals, however, he backed off.

"Can someone else demonstrate that part?" Milo asked.

The municipality sponsored the workshops to show that the authorities were doing something to make women feel safe and to send a warning to potential rapists, Milo said.

Moyal explained that such workshops help women deal with panic in threatening situations, such as walking alone on a darkened street. He recommended mentally rehearsing reactions to an attack at the spot where fear sets in. "You should continually look around and think about what you would do if an attacker jumped out from one side or the other," he advised.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani also made an attempt to calm Tel Aviv's women.

"Let's not forget that this is one of the safest cities in the world," Kahalani said as he inaugurated a new police station this week. "There is no other city in which one can normally walk around at all hours and feel safe. We can't let these recent incidents cause women to be afraid to walk at night."

BUT TAL Korman, who runs the Association of Rape Crisis Centers, said that the Tel Aviv rapes have led to fear nationwide.

She says that the city's self-defense workshops are constructive, but only if they are interpreted correctly.

"On one hand they send a positive message to women to be careful and to acquire tools to deal with their fears. On the other hand, they may also send out a message that in the face of the authorities' inability to catch the rapist, the responsibility is somehow on the woman to prevent the crime."

Korman says that weapons such as tear gas and electric shockers tend to work only "if the woman carrying them is trained in using this weaponry. If so, it is a good idea. But there is the danger that if she is caught unaware, or is not familiar with the equipment and the rapist is stronger, he could use these tools against her. This has happened in the past."

While she is glad that attention is being drawn to the problem of sexual violence against women, Korman is also concerned that this recent wave focuses on the kind of rape which takes place in a minority of cases.

"These attacks have drawn public attention because of their savagery of the rapes, and because of the helplessness of the victims. In a way, it reinforces the myth of the "classic rape" – committed by a stranger in a dark alley. So, if you don't walk alone, lock up your home and don't open doors to strangers, you will be all right.

"But these are the smaller percentage of the rapes. In reality, rape happens in all parts of society, and in most cases the rapist is known to the victim and the rape takes place in a familiar setting."

In fact, so-called "acquaintance rape" can actually be harder for the victim to cope with than being attacked by a stranger, she says. Women who are raped by someone they know are more worried that people won't believe that they were attacked, and often blame themselves for trusting the person who raped them.

THE NINE rape crisis centers that Korman oversees are the only institutions in the country that offer cost-free support to rape victims. A staff of mostly volunteers mans the hot lines and dealt with some 10,000 women who walked in their doors in 1997. The centers receive some funding from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and from municipal governments, but 85 percent of the budget comes from private contributions, mostly from abroad.

No government agency deals with the issue directly.

"The media attention given this recent series of rapes increases the number of scared women who come to us, but not our budget," says Korman. "Government officials are paying more attention to the issue than they normally do, but this doesn't translate into money."

Irit Ofri, a social worker who works with rape victims, says that the recent incidents have reawakened old fears. She tells of women who now coordinate with family members to avoid walking up the stairwells of their apartment building alone.

"These are women who walk around like soldiers in the middle of a battle ready to be ambushed. It is a terrible mental state, to walk around feeling that at every moment you could be raped," says Ofri, who works at the Counseling Center for Women in Ramat Gan.

How does she help them cope? "First of all, I let them talk about their fears. Secondly, I help them think of ways to defend themselves and lessen their feelings of vulnerability – whether it means taking one of these self-defense courses, purchasing tear gas or some kind of a weapon, or figuring out how not to walk alone at night.

"Some women have organized a female civilian guard to accompany one another on their errands," Ofri notes.

"While we understand that there is nothing you can do to prevent rape, telling this to frightened women only intensifies their feeling of helplessness. Anything that they can do to feel as if they are doing something to lessen their chances of being attacked is a good thing."



Above and left: Avi Moyal instructs women in self-defense, teaching them moves designed to catch an attacker off guard. (Photos: Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

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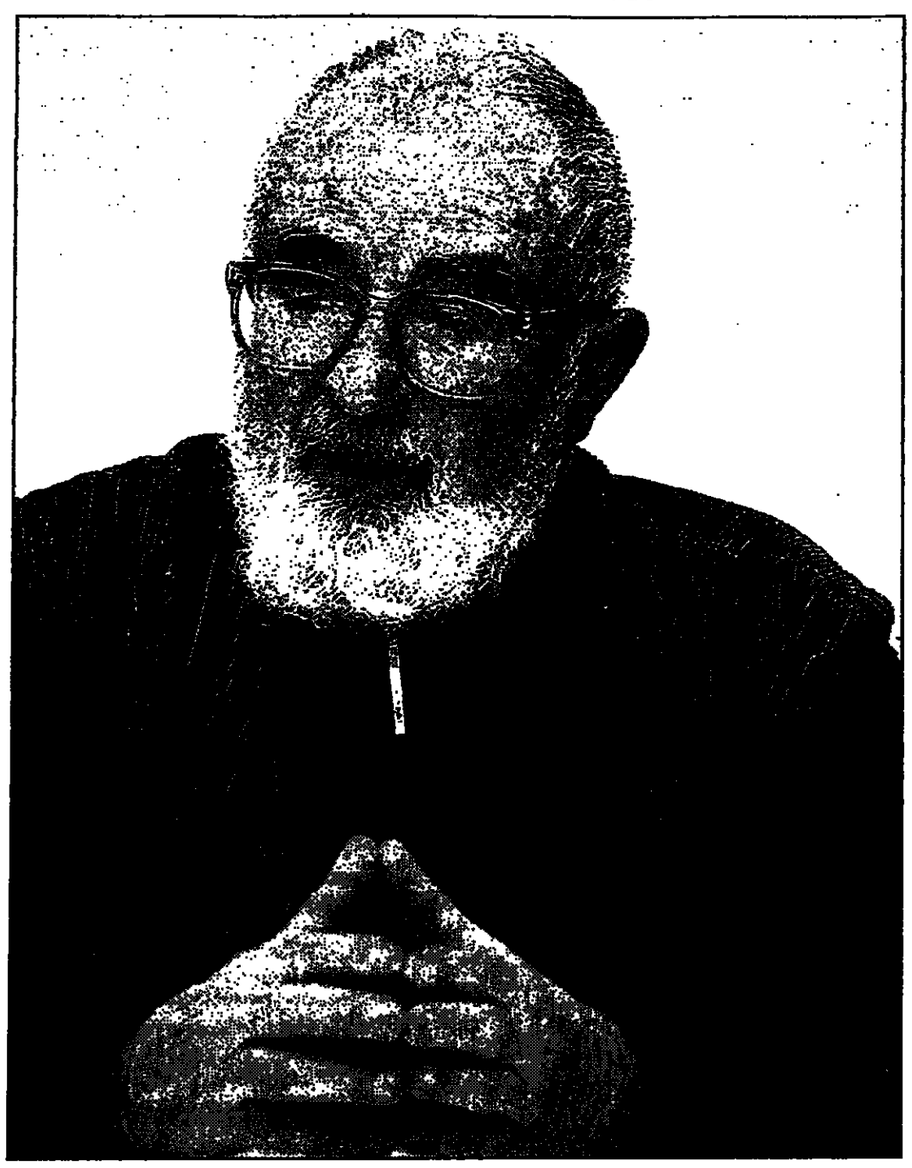
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A master of deception and seeker of truth

A Zionist, Jewish Nazi and monk, Brother Daniel – born Oswald Rufeisen – died last week after a lifetime of contradictions, **Abraham Rabinovich** writes



Brother Daniel: He helped save fellow Jews from the Mir Ghetto in Poland, then spent most of his life as a Carmelite monk in Haifa. (Esteban Alterman/The Jerusalem Report)

Some remembered him in his SS uniform, riding confidently on horseback up to the gate of the Mir Ghetto. Some remembered him as an earnest-faced member of a Zionist youth movement. Still others knew him in the humble brown cassock of a Carmelite monk, or in the everyday civilian clothing he favored in his later years.

All recognized that a special grace lay upon Oswald Rufeisen, known as Brother Daniel, as in Daniel of the Lion's den.

One does not sit *shiva* for an apostate, even if he is your brother, but Arieh Rufeisen was "at home" for an endless stream of condolence callers who began arriving at Moshav Bustan Hagalil near Acre early in the day. Oswald had touched the lives of all of them and, in one of the most spectacular personal episodes of the Holocaust, saved the lives of many.

To one of his visitors this week, Arieh recalled his brother's presence in the moshav synagogue during a recent family bar mitzva. The sexton asked Arieh whether to call Brother Daniel to the Torah. "Better not," advised Arieh.

Calling on a priest to participate in the Sabbath service, even if the cleric is in civilian clothing and the occasion is his great-nephew's bar mitzva, seemed a stretch to Arieh.

Oswald Rufeisen, however, would probably have been thrilled to cross the forbidden line and participate in a central Jewish ritual as a believing Christian.

He knew more than most about crossing lines. He owed his life to deception. But although he changed the uniform he wore many times, his search for inner truth was always as constant and as innocent as a babe's.

In a bizarre turn of events, he had served as a trusted aide to a German police commander whose task was to destroy the Jews of the Mir region. Although barely 20, Rufeisen was able with nerveless courage to save hundreds of lives before confessing to the dumbstruck German commander that he himself was Jewish.

The story began in a small town in southern Poland where Rufeisen was born in 1922 and his brother Arieh a year and a half later. When the Germans invaded in 1939, the family fled eastward.

After a few days, the exhausted parents urged the two boys to continue on their own. They ended up in Vilna, Lithuania, which was under Soviet control. Zionist groups were active there and Arieh obtained an immigration certificate through them to settle in Palestine.

When the Germans attacked the Soviet Union, Oswald Rufeisen attempted to pass himself off as a displaced Christian of mixed German-Polish parentage. He had managed to settle into a small Byelorussian town as an itinerant worker when a local police official learned that the newcomer spoke German.

It was the language the Rufeisen family had spoken at home and it was much in demand after the German invasion. Rufeisen was asked to move to Mir to serve as an interpreter between the local gendarmerie and the German authorities. It was an offer he was unable to refuse.

He was soon co-opted by Reinhold Hein, the senior German police official of the district, who was delighted to acquire the services of the intelligent young man who spoke perfect German and could translate into either Polish or Russian. Rufeisen was installed in police headquarters and given a uniform.

He soon became not just a translator but a trusted administrative aide privy to almost all the secrets of *meister* Hein, who displayed a fatherly affection for him. Rufeisen grasped that in his bizarre position he could warn Jewish communities in the area of pending *aktions* if he could find trustworthy liaisons.

Meanwhile, he was obliged to accompany German officers and local militia on their rounds, and to periodically witness the shooting of Jews. The most sadistic of the local commanders enjoyed separating stunningly beautiful Jewish girls from the rest and shooting each in the heart.

On one occasion, Rufeisen accompanied Hein on a punitive expedition to a non-Jewish village where a German soldier had been shot dead by partisans. Some 200 men were rounded up. Hein ordered the village chief to produce the men who had led the partisans to the soldier or watch every 10th man killed. The chief said no one had collaborated with the partisans.

In a biography written by Prof. Nehama Tec, Rufeisen related how he told the chief, without Hein understanding, that if he wanted to prevent the village's decimation he should "give me two people of whom the village would want to be rid."

The chief brought forward a retarded youth and a local forester who had collaborated with the Germans. The forester got down on his knees and implored Rufeisen to tell the Germans that he would lead them to a partisan hideout in the forests if he were freed. He knew he would have to mistranslate if he wished to save the partisans.

"The *meister* kept asking 'what is he saying?' In the translation I had to include the word 'partisans' (which the German would have understood). [I said] 'he says he is not guilty, that the partisans killed the soldier.'" The forester and youth were shot dead.

"If I may say so," Rufeisen told Tec, "this was the most heroic of my deeds. Because the whole thing I did in a totally disinterested fashion. Jews were not involved here at all. I had no obligation towards the partisans or the village. I could have said these people should not concern me and just translate as I was supposed to. "The risk was that among the German soldiers were some who might have been from Silesia. They might have known Polish which is similar to Belorussian (the language spoken by the forester). This was a terrible risk. There were many witnesses standing around. I am not sure whether I should be proud of what I did or ashamed.

"I don't even want anyone to tell me how I should feel. No one can enter into the situation as it was at that time."

According to the testimony of those who knew him then, young Rufeisen's face never showed fear. He was able to make quick and intelligent decisions that saved lives in explosive situations, even at personal risk. An inner serenity won him the affection of all he came in close contact with, including the primitive killers among whom he walked.

Every moment was pretense, yet he projected credibility. His interest in people was not feigned. He found it important to distinguish between those who killed mindlessly or with enjoyment, and Hein, who killed reluctantly, albeit efficiently.

When the opportunity came to help his own people, Rufeisen did not hesitate.

He was at his desk one day at police headquarters in Mir when a Jew from the local ghetto arrived to repair some electrical wires. When their eyes met, they recognized each other from a Zionist summer camp in Vilna.

Rufeisen indicated with a nod that they should meet outside. On a side street, Rufeisen confirmed his identity to the electrician, Dov Reznik, and asked him to serve as liaison to the ghetto.

The 800 Jews remaining in Mir had been assembled in a local castle. When Rufeisen learned that a date had been fixed for their destruction, he informed Reznik who, with other underground leaders, began planning an escape into the forests to establish a partisan group. It was essential first, however, to acquire arms – if only to protect themselves against other partisan groups that would kill unarmed Jews.

Rufeisen succeeded in smuggling arms and ammunition into the ghetto with the help of Jews who worked on the outside. To make the escape easier, he concocted a report about a large partisan band expected to pass through the region on a given date. When all the gendarmerie left Mir to lay a forest ambush, some 300 residents of the ghetto fled in the opposite direction. Remaining behind were those who could not endure a forest existence and who had resigned themselves to death.

When an informer betrayed Rufeisen to Hein as the man who had tipped off the ghetto and provided it with arms, he readily confessed, revealing that he was Jewish. He asked only that he be given a pistol so that he could kill himself.

Hein appeared stricken and instead of ordering Rufeisen's immediate execution, he appeared to imply that he might yet escape while his fate was being determined.

Rufeisen succeeded in finding shelter at a convent in Mir overlooking the gendarmerie. After waking from a deep sleep, he found a Carmelite magazine left him by the nuns about miraculous healings at Lourdes. As he read it in the silence and relative security of the convent, the internal ferment induced by the fantastic tumult of events that had overtaken him since the beginning of the war appeared to subside.

He wanted to find meaning to the moral madness he had witnessed and to his own role in it. In the story of miracles and in the New Testament, which he asked to read, he believed he had found it.

"In the convent, all alone, among strangers, I created an artificial world for myself," he told Tec. "I pretended that the 2,000 years had never happened. I follow the exchange of ideas and arguments between Jesus and the different kinds of Jews.

"Soon I begin to lean more and more toward the position taken by Jesus. Suddenly, and I don't know how, I identified his suffering and resurrection with the suffering of my own people and the hope of their resurrection. In the end, my move to Christianity was not an escape from Judaism but, on the contrary, a way of finding answers to my problems as a Jew."

At the end of the war, Rufeisen took a monk's vows – as Brother Daniel – with the Carmelite order in Poland. He was later asked to study for the priesthood and was duly ordained.

A decade after the founding of Israel, he was assigned by the Catholic order to the Carmelite monastery in Haifa and fulfilled his youthful dream by "making aliya." Coming down the gangplank into Haifa in his cassock, with a large wooden cross on his chest, he was greeted by his brother, with whom he had been in correspondence over the years.

After seven years on a kibbutz, Arieh was now a farmer in Bustan Hagalil. "Oswald spent the first night with us before going up to the monastery," recalls Arieh.

Over the years, Brother Daniel maintained close contacts with Arieh and his family, which today includes three children and nine grandchildren.

"He would come almost every week," says Arieh, "and attend every family event. He loved the children and they loved him. He would join us for the seder on Pessah and read from the Haggada and when he would go to synagogue for a bar mitzva he would sit in the corner and pray from the *siddur*."

Brother Daniel's contention that his Christianity did not negate his Judaism earned him notoriety in the 1960s when he appealed to the High Court of Justice for acceptance as a citizen under the Law of Return since he had been born to a Jewish mother. The request was rejected but he was granted naturalized citizenship.

Ironically, says Arieh, Brother Daniel was never granted recognition as a Righteous Gentile, despite the many lives he saved, on the grounds that he was born Jewish. At the same time, his application for compensation from Germany as a Holocaust survivor was rejected by an Israeli committee on the grounds that they did not deal with non-Jewish claims.

The church was not much more enthusiastic than the Jews about Brother Daniel's attempts to emphasize the Jewish roots of Christianity, according to Elisheva Hemker, a German Christian woman in Haifa who had worked with Brother Daniel for many years.

"He believed Christianity had become Hellenized, gotten away from its Jewish roots. He would say he was a Christian, not a Catholic."

She assisted Brother Daniel in establishing a non-profit organization of "Hebrew Christians' (*Notzrim Ivrim*) which looks after hundreds of non-Arab Christians living in Israel, including devoutly Catholic Polish women married to Jews and Righteous Gentiles. The organization established an old-age home in Nahariya for the latter.

According to Arieh, his brother had become something of an *epikoros*, or backslider, in the monastery, pushing his own agenda.

"He continued to carry out functions for the Carmelites but he established his own community [the Notzrim Ivrim] and devoted himself mostly to that."

Despite his independent ways, Brother Daniel was not regarded as an eccentric. The pope not only received him in 1985, but spent an hour and a half listening to him over dinner.

"The pope's secretary was also present but didn't say anything," says Hemker. "The pope only asked questions."

In recent years, Brother Daniel stopped wearing his monk's garb, except in the monastery. He did not, however, shed his Christian beliefs.

"We used to have these long discussions on religion when he came to our house," says Dr. Avraham Reznik, son of Dov Reznik, Brother Daniel's first contact with the Mir Ghetto and later a leader of an active partisan band.

"Myself, my cousin, my brother, we all asked him why he became a priest. He said that when he read the New Testament he understood that Christianity had replaced Judaism. He said that he saw in the Holocaust how badly human beings can behave and that the morality preached by Jesus was the only answer he had for it. He said that Jesus's moral message replaced the moral message of the Jews."

Reznik, a researcher in biochemistry at the Technion, maintained ongoing contact with Rufeisen long after his father died as did many of the children of Mir survivors. "We're all alive because of him," says Reznik.

Next week, Brother Daniel was to have joined him and others of the "Mir Group," mostly descendants, in a trip to the city that built a memorial to its Jews.

"My father spoke of Oswald as a very brave and honest person," says Reznik. "Truth for him was an absolute ideal."

Last Thursday, without warning, Brother Daniel's heart gave way. He crossed the final line and reached the ultimate truth.



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"Confess, Bill, confess"

A growing number of lawmakers believe that if the US president "comes clean" on his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, the scandal will be over. John F. Harris reports from Washington

President Bill Clinton has two weeks to prepare to testify to the grand jury in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, but political Washington already has arrived at a striking degree of consensus on what he should do: Come clean to the public and hope for the best.

Whispered about for six months, the notion that Clinton can confess wrongdoing – to the public and the grand jury – and count on the mercy of a nation desperate for closure in the controversy has rapidly hardened in recent days into the capital's new conventional wisdom.

The "mea culpa scenario" is being publicly urged by lawmakers in both parties, who said a public acknowledgment by Clinton of an improper relationship with Lewinsky, accompanied by a statement of contrition, could stanch his political wounds.

While such a statement would confirm something Clinton has denied for half a year, many legislators predicted that it could generate enough relief and sympathy that Congress would feel no need to pursue whatever allegations of wrongdoing independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr might present to them.

This same view is being publicly volunteered by a growing procession of former Clinton aides, whose televised interviews share an implied assumption: They apparently believe their former boss has at best evaded legitimate questions and at worst has lied.

Various Clinton advisers said this week that this buzz of free advice has risen to such a volume that it has created a new problem for Clinton.

There is now an expectation that a statement from Clinton is imminent, when in fact administration officials and advisers say there is no evidence that he is prepared to either contradict or expand upon what he has said previously.

And aides said it is all but certain that he will say nothing publicly about Lewinsky before his August 17 testimony. No one claims knowledge of the president's plans after that.



President Clinton smiles as Rep. Maxine Waters introduces him to the crowd at a Democratic fundraiser in Washington on Tuesday. Will Clinton's next speech be a "mea culpa" one – after Monica Lewinsky (inset) tells all? (AP)

AS HAS been the case for months, his deliberations on the subject are confined to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and a handful of lawyers.

Several current and former aides who have been in the trenches with Clinton through various ethical controversies said that admitting wrongdoing and asking forgiveness would go against both Clinton's personal instincts and the tough-it-out strategy he has followed before.

But several aides apparently believe that mounting evidence against Clinton – in particular the possibility that prosecutors have a dress from Lewinsky with the president's semen on it – may have left Clinton with no escape hatch.

Former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers told a panel discussion at an American Bar Association meeting that the best course for Clinton would be to give the public "some overarching explanation" of his relationship with Lewinsky, even if that means he has to "change his story in some substantial way."

Former White House chief of staff Leon E. Panetta said on CNN's *Late Edition* on Sunday that Clinton should share with the public whatever it is he tells the grand jury.

"I think this matter is important enough that he should sit down, stare the American people in the eye, and do it directly, from the Oval Office," he said.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv, however, said there are no plans to change his story: "The president has told the truth about this, and he will continue to do so. I have no reason to think that that has changed in any way."

In addition to Myers and Panetta, other former Clinton aides who have urged him to speak out, even if it means admitting he lied, are David R. Gergen and George Stephanopoulos.

Even former aides such as former White House counsel Jack Quinn and spokesman Lanny J. Davis – both of whom are regarded within the White House as administration proxies – have been willing at least to entertain the possibility that Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky is not what he said it is.

While Quinn said on CBS's *Face the Nation* Sunday that he believes Clinton has told the truth, even if Clinton lied, it would not justify Starr's inquiry.

"This is a matter of sex between consenting adults, and the question of whether or not one or the other was truthful about it," he said. "This doesn't go to the question of his conduct in office. And, in that sense, it's trivial."

CLINTON did not raise the issue at a meeting Wednesday with the House Democratic caucus, which is anxious about the situation's impact on Democrats in the fall elections, though some Congressional Democrats had hoped he would.

"There is a natural tendency not to raise issues like this," explained Rep. James P. Moran Jr., (D-Va.), adding that he had never broached the topic in discussions with the president.

"Nobody feels particularly comfortable," Moran added. "People want to get it over with. It's like a serial that's been running all year and we've seen the reruns. It's time for a new fall schedule."

Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., (D-Del.), expressed similar sentiments and called on Clinton to make a mea culpa.

"I would make peace with my wife and I'd stand up and say, 'Here's the deal,'" Biden told *Time* magazine. "Even though it might make Starr's case, no Congress would ever impeach him."

While some Clinton loyalists close to his inner circle said there could be merit in this approach, others said the idea that a confession would put an end to either Starr's probe or the clamor from a faction of conservative Republicans for congressional hearings is naive.

Apologizing for a sexual relationship, they said, would do nothing to end the more serious allegations of obstruction of justice in the now-dismissed Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

The calls have created an expectation that a statement from Clinton is imminent, when in fact there is no evidence that he is prepared to either contradict or expand upon what he has said previously

Mandy Grunwald, a campaign consultant from the 1992 campaign who remains a Clinton loyalist, dismissed all talk about a Clinton apologia as the product of a "wind tunnel" of Washington conventional wisdom.

In Clinton's first bid for president, she recalled, many people thought he should give a bare-all speech or news conference to deal with nagging allegations of draft evasion and an affair with Gennifer Flowers.

"He didn't, and we won," she said. (The Washington Post)

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GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN



(Left to right) Benny Navon, Prof. Zvi Eyal and Yaakov Neeman at the founding meeting of the Jerusalem Friends of Amcha. (Mike Goldberg)

Finance Minister **Yaakov Neeman** and his wife **Hadassah** hosted the founding meeting of the Jerusalem Friends of Amcha in their penthouse apartment this week. It was only natural that the Neemans, who are well-known for their philanthropy, hosted the event at which noted historian Sir **Martin Gilbert** was the guest speaker. Hadassah Neeman, a social worker by profession, is also an Amcha therapist. When **Yocheved Henriques Koplowitz**, Amcha's director of development first proposed the date for the inaugural meeting, she encountered strong opposition because committee members presumed most people on the guest list would be out of town. Yet, despite the annual August exodus, there were more people who wanted to attend than could be accommodated, and a stand-by list was made up in case of last-minute drop-outs. Among those who did attend were **Esther Klafter**, widow of Manfred Klafter, the man who first conceived the Amcha national center for psychosocial support of Holocaust survivors and the second generation. Klafter's brother, Professor **Tzvi Eyal** and his wife **Heftzibah** also attended, as did Amcha's executive chairman **Benny Navon** and his wife **Dora**. Poet **Haim Guri** and his wife **Aliza** were also there, along with World Jewish Restitution Organization director **Naftalie Lavie** and his wife **Joan**. The Lavies, along with Tel Aviv lawyer **Gideon Fisher**, head a committee planning the upcoming Salute to Amcha at the Tel Aviv Center for the Arts. Also present were **Asher** and **Edna Cailingold**, long-time friends of Gilbert's who were instrumental in bringing him and Amcha together.



Haim Yavin (David Rubinger)



Rivka Michaeli (Mula-Eshet)

THERE were speeches in Hebrew, English and pidgin at the Tel Aviv Museum's special benefit show for the survivors of the devastating tidal wave which recently struck the island republic of Papua New Guinea. While there were several Hebrew speakers, the English contribution was by Honorary PNG Consul **Daniel Lew** and the pidgin offering came from Papuan student **Hicks Laika**, who is completing a two-month course at Beit Berl. Laika was extremely appreciative of Israeli warmth, not only in terms of what some Israelis are doing for his country, but also for the welcome that he has received here. Most of the 250 people who paid NIS 100 each to participate have visited PNG and many of them do business with the island republic.

Some, such as entertainer **Rivka Michaeli**, shared anecdotes of their experiences. Michaeli recalled how she and her group were stranded in a village for seven or eight hours after their boat broke down. While waiting for canoes to evacuate them, they taught the village children to sing Hebrew songs.

But the Israeli connection to PNG goes far beyond that. Telrad has presented the islanders with a NIS 120,000 sound system and Elbit has made a $6,000 gift.

GLOBAL friends of Tel Aviv University, the Tel Aviv Museum and Tel Hashomer Hospital flocked to Monaco last week for a series of gala benefits for all three institutions. The TAU Friends set the ball rolling at a reception hosted by Monaco's prime minister and his wife that was followed by a recital by Dr. **Astrith Balsan**, a teacher at TAU's Rubin Academy of Music. Then came a gala dinner at the Hotel de Paris and a magnificent luncheon at the Monaco Yacht Club. Some of the guests were supporters of all three institutions. Others were affiliated with only one or two. Seen at some of the Israeli events in Monaco were **Leah Rabin, Elie Wiesel, Raya Jaglom, Sammy Ofer, Alfred Akirov, Ilana Ben-Ami, Raphael and Eva Efrati, Jacob Frankel, Claude Trichet**, governor of the Bank of France, **Hugo Ramniceanu**, chairman of the French Friends of the Hebrew University, the Marquis and Marquise **de Varinay** of Monaco and **Moritz** and **Marisia Gertler** of Frankfurt.

NOW that the Treasury is objecting to the exorbitant salary promised **Chaim Yavin**, there's a strong possibility that he may not make it back to *Mabat*. Even if the Treasury loses out, since the contract between Yavin and the Israel Broadcasting Authority is already a done deal, one can't help wondering why Yavin would want to go back to a place in which there is so much hostility against him. Is Mr. Television a secret masochist?

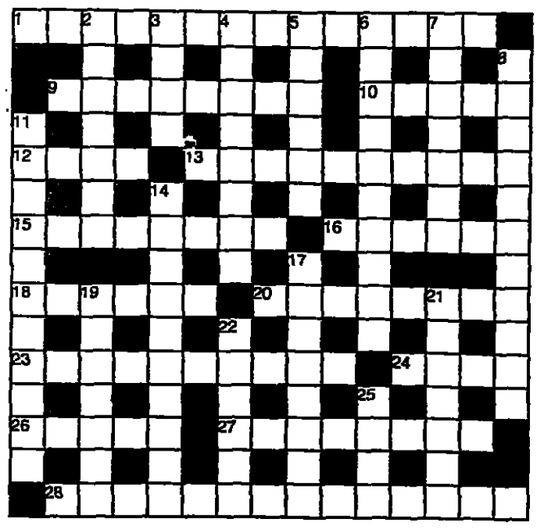
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ACROSS

1 Playing fair, risk a reasonable bet (8,6)
9 Sailor's fears are unfounded (8)
10 Swap one's line of business (5)
12 Fall into line, you Turk! (4)
13 Fastidious individual (10)
15 Beer extremely lousy, one finds with resentment (8)
16 One significant digit? (3,3)
18 Attempt to get some beef for tea (6)
20 Margaret as sailor is a huge success (8)
23 Hurry to series of lectures at Ascot, say (10)
24 Pet rejected second drink (4)
26 Change one's period of work (5)
27 Hot and up-to-the-minute, that's about right (8)
28 Band of Hope? (10,4)

DOWN

2 On top, take in gorge (7)
3 Argument as loud suit is picked up (4)
4 No car race includes motorway, as a rule (8)
5 Minister gives signal to arrest deserter (6)
6 Disappointment in tax claim under review (10)
7 Man allowed garland (7)
8 Dragon-slayer gets symbolic kiss and medal (6,5)
11 Bold courses undone by treachery (6-5)
14 React to art moulded from clay (10)
17 Manx house needs sound ashlar in vital position (8)
19 Such books no use to fact-finding mission? (7)
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25 Handwriting suitable for Punch? (4)

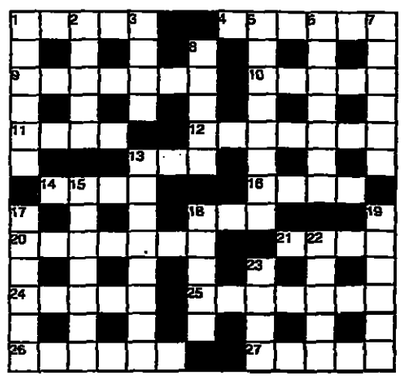


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QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Whimper (5)
4 Vendor (6)
9 Priest's dress (7)
10 Belgian coin (5)
11 Consumes (4)
12 Chuckled (7)
13 Afflict (3)
14 Boss (4)
16 Accepted standard (4)
18 Mating season (3)
20 I'm bored (anag.) (7)
21 Symbolic design (4)
24 Italian resort (5)
25 Dancer's body-suit (7)
26 Temptresses (6)
27 Musical note (5)

DOWN

1 Osier (6)
2 Implanted (5)
3 Cupid (4)
5 Liquid waste (8)
6 Hide (7)
7 Become distant (6)
8 Accomplishment (5)
13 Addendum (8)
15 Soldier (7)
17 Calculator (6)
18 Domain (5)
19 Caress (6)
22 Egg-shaped (5)
23 Burial place (4)

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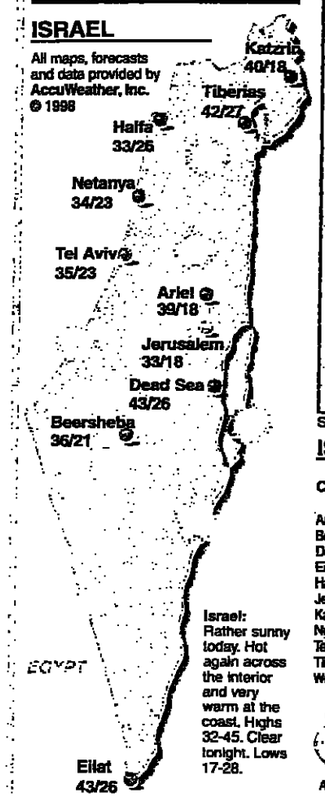
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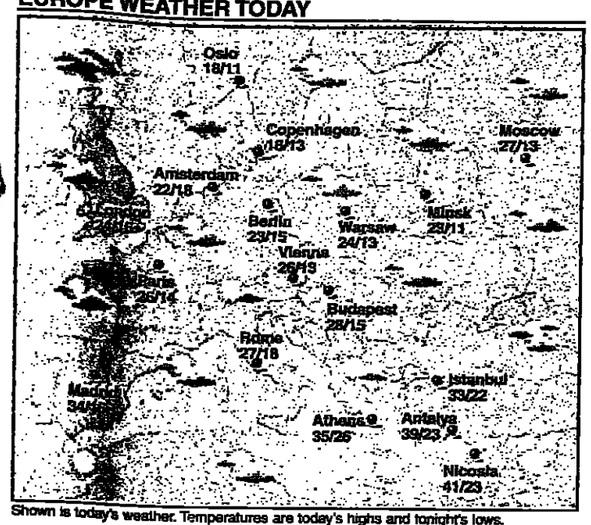
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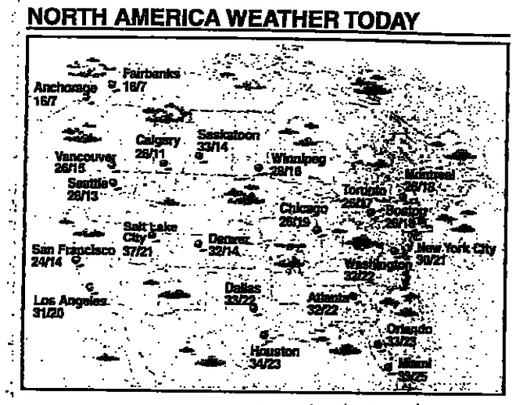
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Dead Sea	43/109	26/79/s	46/115	28/82/s	46/115	27/80/s	47/116	27/80/s
Eilat	43/109	26/79/s	44/111	26/79/s	44/111	26/79/s	45/113	27/80/s
Haifa	33/91	26/79/s	33/91	22/71/s	33/91	22/71/s	34/93	23/73/s
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Tiberias	42/107	27/80/s	44/111	28/82/s	44/111	27/80/s	44/111	27/80/s

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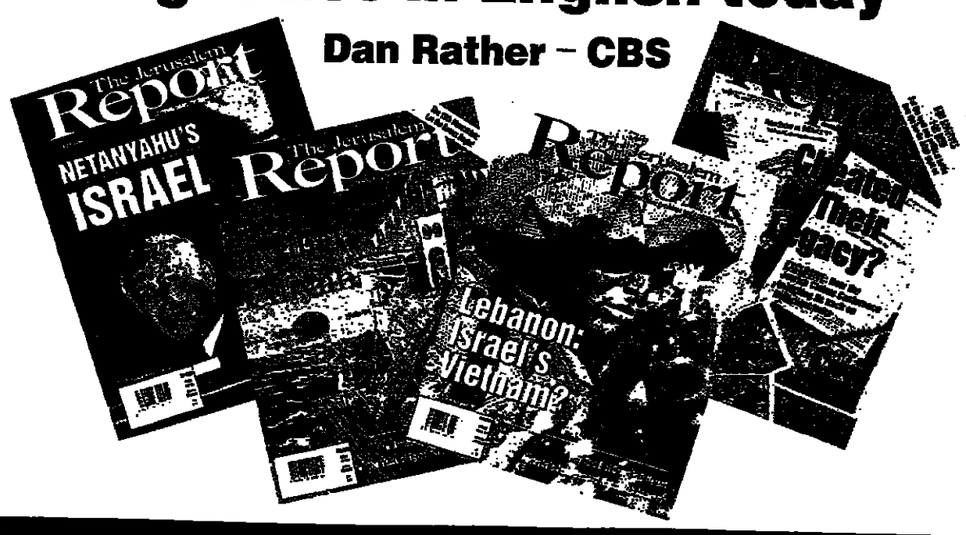
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Beijing	35/95	25/77/s	35/95	26/79/c	32/89	24/75/pc
Berlin	23/73	15/59/pc	24/75	17/62/c	26/79	17/62/s
Brussels	24/75	17/62/pc	26/79	18/64/pc	29/84	19/66/s
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Chicago	26/79	19/66/r	28/82	19/66/r	28/82	19/66/sh
Frankfurt	22/71	14/57/pc	24/75	16/61/pc	25/77	15/59/s
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London	24/75	16/61/pc	27/80	19/66/pc	29/84	21/70/pc
Los Angeles	31/88	20/68/s	33/91	18/64/pc	33/91	18/64/c
Madrid	34/93	16/61/s	38/37	18/64/s	36/97	20/68/pc
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Moscow	27/80	13/55/pc	21/70	11/52/c	21/70	11/52/pc
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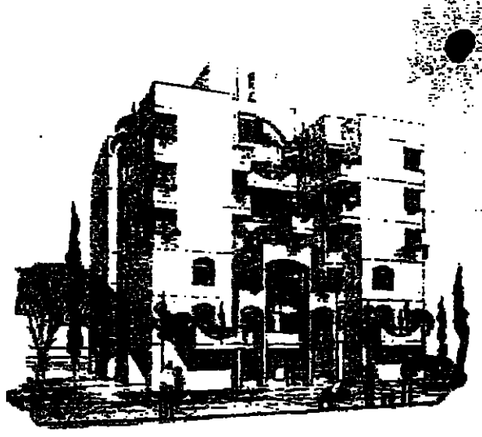
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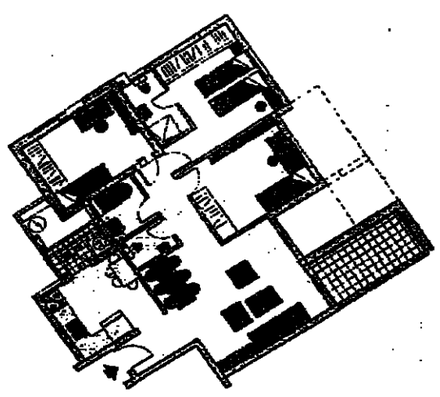
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Palestinian hopes of tennis glory more than just a dream

By HEATHER CHAIT

It's not an exaggeration to say that the two tennis courts at Bethlehem University probably mean more for Palestinians than the huge complexes of Wimbledon or Flushing Meadow.

For it was after watching young Palestinians belting out shots on these courts that the International Tennis Federation decided last month to award membership to the fledgling Palestinian Tennis Association (PTA).

"We have no clubs and just these two courts in moderate condition," says George Rishmawi, the only certified Palestinian tennis coach and son of Issa, the president of the PTA.

"But the lack of courts does not deter anyone. There are lots of children who want to play tennis and the courts are in use all day."

There are also two courts in Gaza and one in Nablus but all are in a dismal condition. "It's too early to talk about real talent," says Rishmawi, "because we're just starting out."

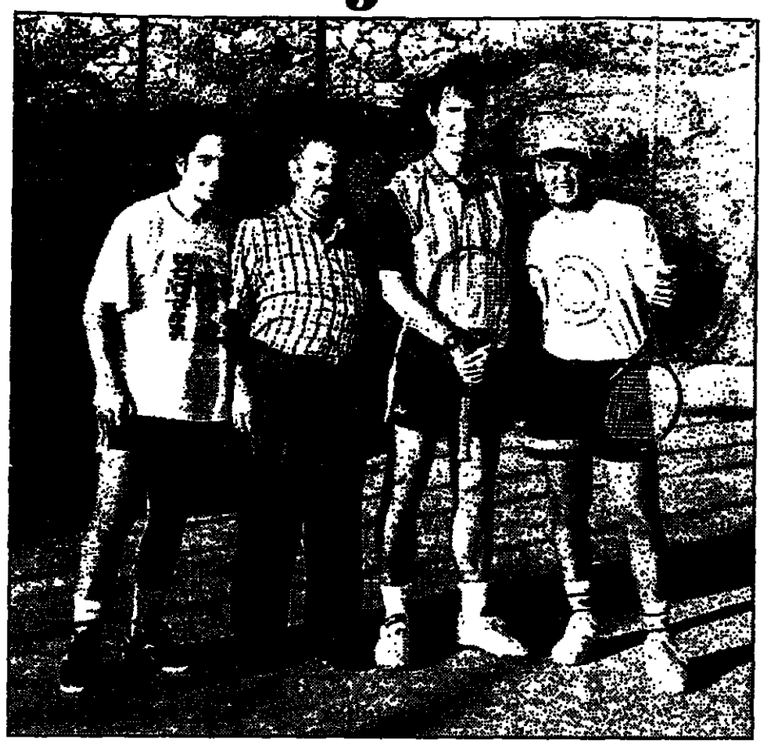
When pressed to throw out a name of a potential star, he cites Raja Nurad, 25, who captures the trophies at most of the local Palestinian tournaments.

Rishmawi, 19, who studies marketing in a college in Hamilton, Canada, belongs to a tennis-mad family. From his grandfather, also George, now 72, to his father who heads a medical supplies company in Beit Sahur, brother and sisters, the entire clan spends hours on the courts.

The dream to join the ITF developed in November last year when the PTA applied for Associate (Class C) Membership, presenting the ITF with a copy of its constitution, and an membership fee.

In June this year the ITF's Frank Couraud conducted a site visit which included attending a tournament final.

His report was then submitted to the ITF's Board of Directors which brought their recommendation to the ballot at last month's Annual General Meeting in Killarney, Ireland where it was approved.



PA PIONEERS – Adham Rishmawi, Issa Riwhmawi, Frank Couraud and George Rishmawi at the PA's only decent courts in Bethlehem.

Issa Rishmawi was acknowledged as the president of the 11-member Palestinian board.

David Harnik, chairman of the Israel Tennis Association, was present at the meeting in Ireland. "When [ITF President] Brian Tobin approached me and asked me what I thought about the Palestinians' acceptance into the 201-nation organization, my reaction was immediate, instinctive and positive – 'We prefer rackers to rockets'."

A dose of idealism is not to be slighted but the dreamy-eyed who have visions of Agassi and Kournikova playing in Palestine, should face reality.

The Class C status awarded to the PTA is associate membership. Only full members are entitled to participate in Davis Cup competition. The Palestinian Association will also not be allowed to vote on ITF issues.

Financial backing is another thorny issue. The Palestinian Authority helped out in 1994 when the first tournament was held but this trickle of money soon dried up.

To finance the annual Palestine Open, the PTA charges the players an entrance fee while rackets and used balls were recently donated by Germany.

In the troubled Middle East, holding tournaments is inexorably bound up with politics. "We have to hold rounds at separate venues, in Gaza and Ramallah, since many players are not granted permits to leave their areas and come to Bethlehem," says Rishmawi.

Rishmawi himself has been invited to play in China later this month but his request for a permit to practice at the Israel Tennis Center in Jerusalem has been repeatedly rejected.

"Danny Freiman [director of the center] has been pushing for the permit but until now, no luck," he says.

Yet Rishmawi remains the optimist and not entirely without reason. "Our membership in the ITF has led to our being accepted in the Asian Tennis Federation and two players will represent Palestine in a tournament in China. We expect similar invitations to follow."

He is also confident that the ITF will send coaches from neighboring countries to back him up as the sole coach. Rishmawi has another dream which crosses continents. The PTA hopes to stage an international tournament in the year 2000 at a center which is yet to be built. The land near the checkpoint between Bethlehem and Jerusalem has been eyed as a possible site but "there are problems," says Rishmawi, making another brave effort to conceal his doubts.

SPORTS *in brief*

Cubs broadcaster Brickhouse dies at 82

CHICAGO (AP) – Hall of Fame broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, for four decades the voice of the Chicago Cubs, died yesterday at age 82.

Brickhouse underwent brain surgery last March for a tumor doctors discovered after his leg gave way while he was getting dressed to attend the February 28 funeral of Harry Caray, who replaced Brickhouse in the Cubs' television booth in 1982.

Brickhouse spent nearly four decades broadcasting the Cubs, first on WGN radio and later TV. He also broadcast the Chicago Bears for 24 years and worked games of the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls.

His home run call was famous: "Back, back, back. That's it! Hey-hey! Hey-hey!"

He was honored at Wrigley Field in 1979 for his 5,000th broadcast. He retired in 1981.

Lara hits unbeaten 224 to end run drought

LONDON (Reuters) – West Indies captain Brian Lara came good at last for Warwickshire on Wednesday, hitting an unbeaten 224 on the first day of the county championship game against Middlesex at Lord's.

It was the first century in first class cricket for 14 months for Lara and came at a time when his average for the season had dropped to 22.

Arsenal sign Argentine defender Vivas

LONDON (Reuters) – Argentina defender Nelson Vivas completed his move to English champions Arsenal yesterday.

Vivas, who has won 32 caps for his country, joins the London side from Swiss club Lugano for an undisclosed transfer fee. He could make his debut against Manchester United in the Charity Shield match at Wembley on Sunday.

Premier league riches grow as small clubs suffer – survey

LONDON (Reuters) – England's premier league can now claim to be the world's richest domestic soccer competition but clubs in the lower reaches of the English game face a grim battle for survival, a survey released yesterday said.

"The premier league is the richest in Europe and – by implication – the world," said Gerry Boon of accounting and consulting firm Deloitte & Touche as he presented the group's annual review of soccer finance.

Boon said English clubs spent over £100 million on recruiting players from overseas clubs in the 1996/97 season, the last year for which full figures are available.

By comparison, only £14.5 million in transfer fees flowed from the premier league clubs to the lower football league teams in the same period.

"In the old days this transfer income filtered through the English game and helped keep football league clubs in business.

Today, it's Italian clubs that seem to be rubbing their hands in anticipation," Boon said.

Looking at 1996/97, the average premier league team had income of £23.2 million, against £20.9 million for teams in Italy's serie A, £11.6 million in Spain's Primera Liga and £10.5 million in the French first division, the survey said.

English soccer's financial power has since been boosted as the full benefits of a lucrative new contract with pay TV BSkyB began to feed through from 1997/98.

Total income for English soccer grew 31 percent to £675 million in 1996/97, with the premier league generating almost 70 percent of that total.

The 20 clubs in the premier league made a small loss of some four million pounds after tax and transfer spending but the 72 football league clubs making up the remainder of the English professional structure lost a total of £38 million .

Report: Super League to start in 2000

ROME (Reuters) – A much-touted European soccer Super League is to kick-off in 2000 with 32 clubs and a jackpot prize of 100 billion lire ($57.3 million) for the winner, Italian newspaper *Tuttosport* reported yesterday.

It said the teams would play in two groups of 16 with the top four sides from each group qualifying for quarter-finals.

The competition would then progress on a knockout basis with home and away matches, like the present European Cup.

Italy's top sides declined to comment on the report.

Tuttosport, in an unsourced article, said teams would reap a minimum of 40 billion lire ($22.7 million) for their participation in the rebel league – more than Real Madrid earned for winning the UEFA-organized European Cup last season.

It said half of the 32 teams would be permanent members of the new league while the others would be invited in on a seasonal basis.

It named the 16 permanent clubs as: Inter Milan, Juventus, AC Milan (Italy); Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool (England); Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund (Germany); Paris St Germain and Olympique Marseille (France); Real Madrid and Barcelona (Spain); Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands); Panathinaikos (Greece); Benfica (Portugal); Anderlecht (Belgium).

Sampras, Agassi win at Canadian Open

TORONTO (Reuters) – Pete Sampras made a successful return to action following his Wimbledon victory a month ago by beating Italian Gianluca Pozzi 6-1 6-2 in second-round play at the $2.45 million Canadian Open on Wednesday.

The only one of the top eight seeds who failed to reach the round of 16 was second seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic.

He was ousted 5-7 6-1 6-4 by 44th-ranked Vince Spadea of the US.

Andre Agassi, the eighth seed, advanced to a third-round clash with 10th seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia by beating France's Guillaume Raoux 6-4 7-5. Ivanisevic eliminated Armenian Sargis Sargsian 6-3 6-2.

Third-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia beat qualifier Neville Godwin of South Africa 7-5 6-3 and will next play compatriot and former doubles partner Mark Philippoussis. The 14th-seed Philippoussis advanced with a 6-1 6-4 victory over Wayne Black of Zimbabwe.

Fourth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat American Todd Martin 6-2 6-3 and will next face another American, MaliVai Washington.

Britain's Tim Henman, the seventh seed, struggled but finally overcame Argentine Guillermo Canas 3-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 to set up a match with ninth seed Albert Costa of Spain, a 6-4 6-2 winner over American Jan-Michael Gambill.

The 62nd-ranked Pozzi was an ideal opponent for the top-seeded Sampras, who had not played a match in 30 days.

"Playing someone who doesn't have a huge serve gave me time to get into a rhythm and feel the surroundings and the court speed," Sampras said. "I was pretty pleased with the way I played." Asked about his recovery from an operation to remove a plantar wart on July 15, the world number one said: "The foot's fine." He was also asked his thoughts about 59-year-old Australian great Rod Laver, an idol of his who suffered a stroke last week. "I've thought about him quite a bit," said Sampras. "I really hope I can get a chance to talk to him."

Sampras next plays 41st-ranked Tommy Haas of Germany.

Agassi: Shaking it off

MY CALL

by JOE HOFFMAN

ANDRE AGASSI got over burnout and now he's burning up everybody else.

He vaulted past British darling Tim Henman into 11th place on the ATP rankings after beating the Brit in the Mercedes final on Sunday. A year ago, he was 147th, without a title in all of 1997 and playing in challenger tournaments (sort of tennis's minor leagues).

And then, back on track. At first, with a few modest wins until he knocked off Pete Sampras in February, reminding us of their epic matchups not too long ago, the ones that make you think of Connors-McEnroe or Evert-Navratilova.

His temporary malaise, where he put on weight and seemed sluggish on the court, had been attributed to flaming out, when – as a million athletes will tell you – the game isn't fun anymore. His loss of interest coincided more or less with his wedding to actress Brooke Shields, so maybe he was just changing his priorities a bit. Nothing wrong with that.

The 28-year-old was wise to get his burnout over with now – a shrewd career move

It's good to take care of it when you're young. You can get rid of the existential blah-blahs and come back with no deterioration of physical ability, as would be the case in an older athlete. It's like dropping a fly in the first inning or fumbling your first handoff. You dispel the jitters, shake it off and concentrate on the remainder of the game.

Meanwhile, Sampras is a burnout waiting to happen. Of course, at his level of accomplishment, that could mean winning only one Grand Slam a year. Whenever he loses two tournaments in a row, the critics and doom merchants are sure he's heading for Heartbreak Hotel.

Not an unreasonable supposition. At 26, he has been No. 1 for about five straight years, and is on his way to being crowned the best ever. He is the symbol of steady-as-she-goes, and everyone knows that's a trip that can't last forever.

THERE'S ANOTHER dimension to Sampras-Agassi. If we went to see the pair in a museum, Sampras would be with the classic art, Agassi with the modern.

Sampras is a model of consistency and stability. Not only has he been considered the best for as long as anyone can remember, he looks the part, too. Dressed in white, with curly short hair and Mediterranean features, he is like the discus thrower, caught forever in a graceful pose, at home on the Parthenon frieze. On court, he is the epitome of classical restraint, never losing his temper, never erupting in glee.

Agassi, on the other hand, is the boogie-woogie of the modern world. First off, there is his changeability. Remember how he burst onto the scene as a 22-year old? Long blond hair in a pony tail stuck through the back of a baseball cap. Then there was his hairy chest which made front-page news when he shaved it. Not long after, he metamorphosed into a pirate, complete with do-rag, earring and devilish goatee.

Now the image has been calmed down to that of a real workingman. Back in our museum, he would be the blacksmith or the farmer in a 19th-century painting of English rustic life.

If Agassi's good form continues, especially in the upcoming US Open he could, in his own words, "end up in the final" and find himself in the Top 5, ready to make his assault on Sampras's longevity.

The next weeks will tell if Agassi is ready to challenge for the No. 1 mantle which he held for more than six months in 1995.

And then we can get back to those epic battles.

Sosa blasts 43rd in losing cause; Candioti baffles Yankees

CHICAGO (AP) – Sammy Sosa hit his 43rd homer but the Arizona Diamondbacks sent Kerry Wood to his first loss at Wrigley Field, beating the Chicago Cubs 10-7 Wednesday.

Andy Fox and Tony Batista homered for Arizona, and Andy Benes (9-11) struck out nine in six innings. Gregg Olson pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Sosa pulled the Cubs to 5-3 in the third with a two-run homer, pulling within two of Mark McGwire, the major league leader.

Marlins 5, Astros 3

Jesus Sanchez (5-6) pitched seven innings on a 92°F (34°C) Miami afternoon, winning for only the second time in his past 14 starts, and Derrek Lee hit a three-run homer.

Matt Mantei completed the six-hitter by striking out the side in the ninth for his sixth save.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

With Mark McGwire given the night off, backup first baseman John Mabry homered in his first at-bat and singled to break a fourth-inning tie for the visitors.

Jeff Juden (7-11) allowed all five runs and five hits in 3 1/3 innings and is 1-6 with a 9.38 ERA in his last nine starts.

Reds 13, Braves 9

Aaron Boone's two-run single broke a 9-all tie in the ninth against Russ Springer (5-4) as visiting Cincinnati got 16 hits, rallying twice to stop Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

Dmitri Young matched a career high with four RBIs, hitting a two-run homer in the first. Ryan Klesko and Javy Lopez hit three-run homers for the Braves, who wasted 6-3 and 9-6 leads.

Giants 6, Mets 4

Rookie Russ Ortiz (1-1) allowed six hits, struck out eight and walked four in eight-plus innings, gaining his first major league victory. Visiting San Francisco overcame hitting into a triple play.

With Bonds on third and Jeff Kent on first, J.T. Snow hit a hard grounder to first baseman John Olerud, who threw to second for the first out. Shortstop Rey Ordonez threw back to first for out No. 2, and Olerud threw home to get a sliding Bonds. It was the Mets' first triple play since June 6, 1989, at Chicago.

Rockies 6, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Jamey Wright (6-10) pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game of the season and hit his first career homer. He had been 0-4 with a 7.17 ERA in nine starts since June 13.

Expos 5, Dodgers 1

Carl Pavano (4-5) allowed six hits in six shutout innings and Scott Livingstone hit a two-run double in the first as host Montreal won its third straight. Ugueth Urbina got four outs for his 25th save.

Padres 4, Phillies 0

Kevin Brown pitched a five-hitter and tied a club record by winning his 11th straight decision as host San Diego handed Philadelphia its seventh straight loss.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics 3, Yankees 1

Tom Candiotti baffled the Yankees with his knuckleball, pitching a four-hitter to outduel Hideki Irabu, as host Oakland avoided a four-game sweep.

Irabu allowed just two hits, a soft RBI single by Rafael Bournigal in the fifth and Rickey Henderson's homer in the eighth, in pitching his second complete game of the season.

Candiotti (7-13), throwing some pitches as slow as 50 mph, walked two and struck out six in his second complete game of the season. He won his second straight start after losing nine of his previous 10 decisions.

Indians 6, Angels 5

Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the top of the ninth inning to help Cleveland stop a five-game losing streak.

Orioles 6, Tigers 1

Juan Guzman (7-12) pitched seven innings of four-hit ball in his Orioles debut and Rafael Palmeiro hit his fifth career grand slam as host Baltimore completed a two-game sweep and finished the season series 10-1. The Orioles are 20-5 since the All-Star break.

Devil Rays 7, White Sox 3

Fred McGriff homered to begin a six-run, eighth-inning rally that carried host Tampa Bay over error-plagued Chicago.

Royals 4, Twins 3

Sal Fasano broke out of a slump with a three-run homer and Jose Offerman hit a solo shot and extended his hitting streak to 24 games as Kansas City won on the road.

Rangers 4, Blue Jays 3

Mike Simms' pinch-hit RBI single won the game in the ninth inning after Juan Gonzalez tied it with a solo shot as host Texas won its fourth straight.

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Central Division				
Houston	68	46	.596	—
Chicago	64	51	.557	4½
Milwaukee	57	57	.500	11½
St. Louis	53	60	.469	14½
Cincinnati	51	63	.447	17
Pittsburgh	51	63	.447	17
West Division				
San Diego	74	40	.649	—
San Francisco	62	52	.544	12
Los Angeles	58	56	.509	16
Colorado	51	63	.447	23
Arizona	43	71	.377	31

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	80	29	.734	—
Boston	66	45	.595	15
Baltimore	58	55	.513	24½
Toronto	56	58	.491	26½
Tampa Bay	44	67	.396	37
Central Division				
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Leics crush Somerset inside 2 days

LONDON (Reuters) – Leicestershire strengthened their county championship claim with a crushing victory inside two days against Somerset yesterday.

Leicestershire won by an innings and 25 runs after dismissing Somerset for 112 in their second innings, leaving two days and a session to spare.

Fast bowler Alan Ormond took three for 29 to finish with match figures of nine for 62, while Vic Wells' three-wicket haul in the second innings gave him match statistics of six for 42.

Leicestershire, who are now only 20 points behind Surrey at the top of the table with a match in hand, made 271 in their first innings with Darren Maddy scoring 107.

Alistair Brown hit 132 off only 179 balls to guide Surrey to 333 on the first day of their match against Derbyshire at The Oval.

Alan Butcher, 44 and the father of England opener Mark, was called into the side, made 20 batting at No.8.

England collapse after Butcher ton

LEEDS (Reuters) – Mark Butcher struck an aggressive maiden Test century but it was wasted by yet another spectacular England collapse as they crashed from 196 for four to 230 all out in the deciding fifth Test against South Africa yesterday.

South African openers Gary Kirsten and Gerhardus Liebenberg survived the final four overs to reach nine without loss at the close of a compelling first day at Headingley.

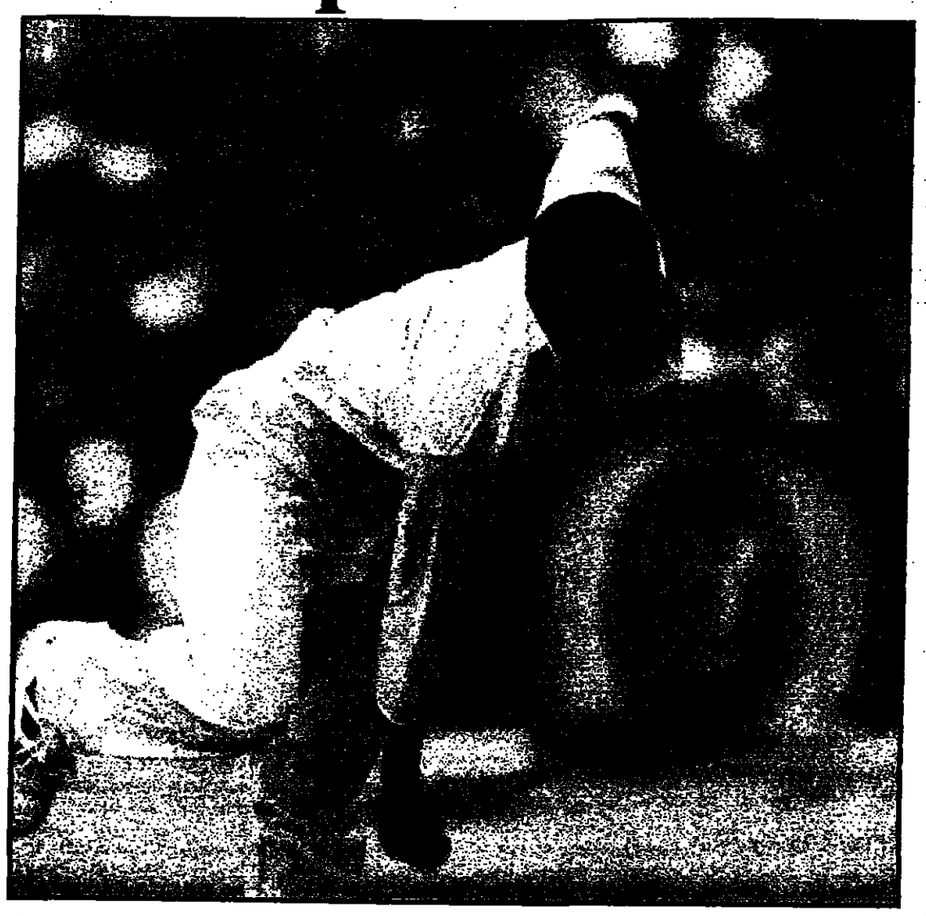
Left-handed opener Butcher dominated the England innings with 116 but the next highest score from the top order was Mark Ramprakash's 21 as South Africa's pace attack remained patient before seizing the last six wickets for 34 runs in 59 deliveries.

With the series level 1-1 and England seeking to win their first major rubber since beating Australia 2-1 in 1986-87, Alec Stewart won the toss and opted to bat on a blustery and overcast morning.

Makhaya Ntini, recalled to the South African side after injury, claimed the crucial wicket of opener Michael Atherton in the morning session with a delivery that bounced unexpectedly to find a thick edge on it's way to second slip. The former England captain made 16 from 50 balls.

Butcher, though, never allowed himself to be inhibited despite losing Nasser Hussain (9) and skipper Alec Stewart (15) in the afternoon session. He missed the second and third matches with an injured finger.

Hussain received an unplayable, fast away swinger from Shaun Pollock which brushed his glove on the way to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher. Stewart fell to a second slip catch by Jacques Kallis off Allan Donald.



ENGLAND'S DESTROYER – Makhaya Ntini in action at headingley yesterday. (Reuters)

Even so, England were well placed at 147 for three at tea.

Ramprakash's resistance ended when a bottom edge was superbly caught by Boucher to give Donald his second wicket but it was Pollock, snatching two wickets in three balls, who instigated the collapse.

Butcher's outstanding innings ended when an inswinger from Pollock deflected off the inside edge onto the middle stump, then Andrew Flintoff appeared unfortunate to be given out caught at short leg. Not for the first time in the series, television replays suggested the batsman was unlucky.

Butcher was great value for his 116 which came from 252 balls in five hours and 12 minutes and contained 18 fours.

The carnage continued when Graeme Hick (2) carelessly cut a long hop from Ntini to Jonty Rhodes at point.

The Xhosa fast bowler, South Africa's first black international, completed Test career-best figures of four for 72 soon after that.

Ian Salisbury played a short ball onto his stumps to depart for a duck and Darren Gough was brilliantly held at slip by Brian McMillan, leaping to take the catch.

Dominic Cork helped push the England total beyond 200 with a bullish 24 not out from 34 balls but Donald wrapped the innings up with the help a lslip catch by Daryll Cullinan to dismiss Angus Fraser for four.

England first innings
M.Butcher b Pollock 116
M.Atherton c Kallis b Ntini 16
M.Hussain c Boucher b Pollock 9
A.Stewart c Kallis b Donald 5
M.Ramprakash c Boucher b Donald 21
G.Hick c Rhodes b Ntini 2
A.Flintoff c Liebenberg b Pollock 0
D.Cork not out 24 I.Salisbury b Ntini 0
D.Gough c McMillan b Ntini 2
A.Fraser c Cullinan b Donald 4
Extras (b-4 lb-5 w-2 nb-10) 21
Total 230
Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-83 3-110 4-181 5-196 6-196 7-198 8-200 9-213
Bowling: Donald 20.3-6-44-3 (1w), Pollock 24-8-51-3 (5nb), Ntini 21-5-72-4 (1w 2nb), Kallis 9-0-30-0, McMillan 9-0-24-0 (3nb)
South Africa first innings
G.Kirsten not out 4
G.Liebenberg not out 4
Extras (lb-1) 1
Total (for no wicket) 9
To bat: J.Kallis, D.Cullinan, H.Cronje, J.Rhodes, S.Pollock, B.McMillan, M.Boucher, A.Donald, M.Ntini
Bowling (to date): Gough 2-1-4-0, Fraser 2-1-4-0.

Swimmer De Bruin banned for 4 years

LONDON (Reuters) – Irish triple Olympic swimming gold medallist Michelle Smith-De Bruin was banned from the sport for four years yesterday after being found guilty of tampering with a urine sample taken to test for drugs.

A statement issued by FINA, world swimming's governing body, said that analysis of Smith-De Bruin's urine sample found "unequivocal signs of adulteration".

The sample was said by the IOC-accredited Barcelona testing laboratory to have an alcohol content "in no way compatible with human consumption...compatible with a physical manipulation".

FINA's doping panel said that Smith-De Bruin's urine sample "was manipulated by the swimmer, the way of manipulation is uncertain".

FINA was satisfied that the manipulation was not carried out by the laboratory, during transport or by the collectors, and consequently handed out their maximum ban of four years.

Smith-De Bruin, 28, was tested in January 1998 at her home in County Kilkenny as part of FINA's out-of-competition doping control program.

She denied interfering with the sample, claiming that any manipulation must have taken place after it had left her.

In April she issued a statement "to deal with further unfounded slurs and allegations" and went into great detail about how the test was taken.

She had often been forced to deny using performance-enhancing drugs following her surprise success at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics where she won three gold medals.

Her marriage to Dutch discus-thrower Eric De Bruin, who became her coach, also contributed to the atmosphere of suspicion. He had been banned for four years for a doping offense.

Last year she won two gold and two silvers at the European championships in Seveille, Spain.

There was no reaction from Smith-De Bruin yesterday but her solicitor has called a news conference today in Dublin.

Former British Olympic swimming gold medallist David Wilkie said on BBC Radio 5-Live: "I think it would be extremely tough for her to come back, both physically and mentally.

"She was swimming as an embarrassed person. I don't think she was accepted in the sport."



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